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The changing face of higher education

By Bryan McNulty

The phrase "High Performance Campus" might have a buzzword quality, but this funding concept proposed by the Ohio Board of Regents and now under discussion by the state's Legislature is familiar to Ohio University President Robert Glidden.

To Glidden, performance-based funding is the next logical step in a sequence of directives from Gov. George V. Voinovich, legislators and the public for Ohio higher education to "do more with less." Under the proposed new funding model, performance, innovation and quality will become key factors — along with enrollment and program mix — in determining each Ohio college and university's share of state support for higher education.

"All of the real concerns about duplication of effort and inefficiencies are something I've been living with for some time," Glidden said in a recent interview. Before assuming the Ohio University presidency in July, Glidden helped develop the assessment process for performance-based funding in Florida, where he served as a professor, dean and later provost at Florida State University for 15 years. He also has served as a consultant to evaluate doctoral-level academic programs in Texas, Iowa and the state of New York.

"We need to come up with ways to try to make the university better and more efficient at the same time," Glidden said. "We need to do this kind of assessment, answering questions that should have been answered all along."

Ohio is not alone in scrutinizing higher education: One-half of all research and doctorate-granting universities recently reported to the American Council on Education that they have instituted restructuring strategies that include tightening spending controls, seeking new revenue sources, and reorganizing administrative

and academic units.

Doing more with less will be necessary to keep university education accessible to a larger share of the population that aspires to higher education, Glidden says. Higher education's diminished share of state revenues is unlikely to change much in the face of sharply escalating costs for prisons and health care, and a recent court ruling that Ohio's method of funding primary education is unconstitutional.

Over the past 15 years, Ohio has consistently ranked below the U.S. average in percentage of public appropriation per student. That has caused the students' share of education costs to rise from 33 percent in 1980 to 49 percent today. Ohio's public colleges and universities took disproportionately large cuts in the early 1980s and 1990s to repair damage to the state budget caused by recessions.

Glidden says the Ohio higher education budget being debated this year is encouraging, especially in comparison to many other states. The governor proposes to increase the total higher education budget by 5.3 percent to \$1.98 billion in the first year of the biennial budget, and by 4.8 percent to \$2.08 billion in the 1996-97 fiscal year.

But it also is true that other functions of state government have fared better than higher education. Over the past four years, state spending for higher education has increased 4 percent. In the same period, state spending for Medicaid increased 61.4 percent, state spending for corrections increased 31.2 percent, and overall state spending increased 24.6 percent.

The Board of Regents notes that Ohio will soon spend \$1 billion annually to operate its prisons, which currently house 41,500 inmates. By comparison, Ohio will spend approximately \$1.5 billion this year to operate its 38 public colleges and universities, which currently enroll more than 423,000 students.

Although Ohio allocates less than the U.S. per-capita average for higher education, it is generally given high marks for its non-political,

formula-based allocations to public campuses.

Formula funding — based on such key factors as enrollment numbers, cost of teaching in each discipline and a student's level in school — won't be changed.

What is new this year is using additional money to change institutional behavior.

"The thing I appreciate about this High Performance Campus concept is that it deals with incentives," Glidden says. "It essentially says to the universities, 'If you behave in certain ways, we're going to enhance your budget.' That, in my opinion, is the way to get people's attention."

"In order to serve more students without spending a lot more money, we're going to have to find more efficient and effective ways to educate students. I happen to think electronic technology is one of the ways, but that in itself won't do it. Part of it requires changes in teaching formats by faculty members. That isn't as easy to do, and that's why it is important to have incentives."

Regents Chancellor Elaine Hairston says performance funding will be used to encourage campuses to cut duplication and adhere to "well-defined and differentiated missions." The performance standards for four-year campuses would be based primarily on functional mission statements universities were required to submit to the Regents last year — statements that included the institutions' aspirations for serving state and regional needs.

Student retention rates and increased contact with undergraduates by full-time faculty also are expected to figure prominently in statewide performance standards. (Based on figures compiled by the Regents last May for all public universities, Ohio University had one of the highest ratios in the state of undergraduates taught by full-time faculty: 80 percent. The state average is 66 percent.)

The performance component of the new model would take effect for universities in the 1996-97 fiscal year.



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**Ohio University President
Robert Glidden**

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Herman "Butch" Hill, Ohio University professor of electrical and computer engineering and Faculty Senate chair, says the concept of performance-based funding makes sense, but "the devil is in the details."

"It's a great concept," Hill says. "How it plays out, we will have to see. Anyone in higher education who is serious about the future would have to believe we must be accountable for what we do and try to do better."

But Hill says the effectiveness of the idea will depend on how fairly programs are assessed, and whether adequate funding is allocated.

The Regents requested an additional \$28 million in the next two-year budget for performance-based funding to recognize progress toward meeting regional and state needs outlined in campus mission statements, and another \$67 million in "quality and innovation funding" that would encourage universities to consider new technological innovations, especially in the classroom. Gov. Voinovich, AB '88, LLD '81, has proposed a much more modest \$15 million for all colleges and universities for performance and change funding over the next two years.

Hairston says Voinovich's recommended budget for the next two years recognizes the priorities of the Board of Regents and "opens the door" to performance and change funding. If colleges and universities prove responsive to the incentive funding, more can be anticipated in the future, Regents officials say.

Whatever the fate of the High Performance Campus model, Regents-directed efficiency efforts are proceeding on other fronts (see accompanying story). Regents have proposed capping enrollment in doctoral programs and are reviewing them with the idea to cut "unnecessary duplication," merge some programs and beef up others.

In the first round of statewide evaluations, Ohio University must complete internal reviews of eight doctoral programs between now and Sept. 15. Action would be taken only after a Regents office review scheduled for 1996. Programs currently under review are those in English, education, chemistry, plant biology, zoology, physics, history and psychology.

Glidden says a qualitative review of state university programs will require a lot of trust. "But it has been done effectively in other states and it can be done here," Glidden says. "We could say, 'That program is obviously not productive, it only turns out two people a year.' But it may be a better quality program and more efficient than one that is turning out a lot of people with much more expense."

"This review process that we are now undergoing is threatening a lot of institutions because people are not really sure what the motives are. Some people in regional institutions are suspicious that the intent is to center all the doctoral programs at Ohio State, or just at Ohio State and Cincinnati. I don't think that's the motive at all. I think that the motivation expressed is honest: This is, trying to see why we have such an acceleration of costs and subsidies in doctoral programs and whether that's really warranted."

Glidden says that the world of higher education that faculty, staff and alumni once knew "will never be the same again."

"We are in a society that is more and more information-based, and people will need more sophisticated job skills in the future," Glidden says. "More and more people are going to want higher education, and yet our taxes and support for higher education are not likely to increase significantly. We have no choice but to keep getting more bang for the buck."

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Regents outline a blueprint for change

By Bill Estep

Two years after legislative criticism and painful budget cuts forced Ohio higher education to look in the mirror, Board of Regents Chancellor Elaine Hairston likes what she sees.

"Higher education in Ohio is going through a period of unprecedented rapid change," Hairston said in testimony in February before the Ohio House Committee on Finance and Appropriations. "It is no longer possible for higher education to be all things to all people, and campuses and the Board of Regents are examining the best use of resources."

"The Board of Regents and Ohio's colleges and universities have been working together to become more effective and efficient, to improve quality particularly in undergraduate instruction, and to be more accountable. We have made progress."

At the request of Gov. George V. Voinovich, AB '58, LLD '81, the Regents formed the Managing for the Future Task Force two years ago to examine how Ohio's state-assisted campuses could operate more cost-effectively. The group of business and education leaders made more than 70 recommendations — some of a radical nature — that brought about widespread debate and led to two Regents studies that provided a blueprint for change.

The following is a report card on the Regents' action to date, most of which was adopted as part of Ohio House Bill 152 last year:

■ Performance measures and service expectations were developed for all two-year campuses, including Ohio University's five regional campuses, and have been implemented for the first time this year. The nine service expectations include developing partnerships with industry and government; offering affordable tuition and fees; and a high level of community involvement. A portion of instructional subsidies for two-year campuses will begin to be tied to whether schools reach these expectations in the fiscal year that begins July 1.

A proposal by the Managing for the Future Task Force to combine regional campuses and technical schools located in the same city — or "co-located campuses" — into community colleges never got off the ground.

■ In another effort to increase accountability, all 13 four-year universities were required to submit "functional mission statements" to the Regents for review last year. Hairston has begun discussing the mission statements with college presidents. A portion of funding for four-year campuses will begin to be tied to performance measures in fiscal year 1996-97 (see related story).

■ In a move to increase the amount of time faculty spend teaching undergraduates by a statewide average of 10 percent, the Regents adopted a statewide faculty workload policy in February 1994. University trustees then adopted faculty workload standards that were in line with the statewide policy. The statewide policy allows for flexibility among departments and schools. It calls for faculty to devote 50 to 90 percent of their time to undergraduate instruction, depending on whether they teach at the doctoral, master's, bachelor's or associate degree level.

The workload guidelines took effect this fall, and the Regents have begun tracking faculty data. "Campuses appear to be moving toward 10 percent recovery of teaching time," said Hairston, referring to the 10 percent of faculty teaching time lost statewide in the 1980s.

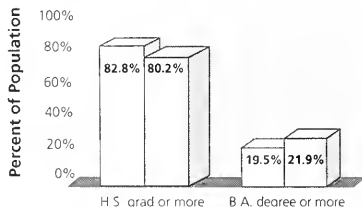
According to the Regents, Ohio University was the only state-assisted four-year campus that did not experience a drop in undergraduate teaching time by faculty from 1980-81 to 1990-91.

■ The Regents have begun reviewing doctoral and law school programs throughout the state for "unnecessary duplication" (see related story). The Regents have proposed capping doctoral enrollments at current levels while programs are reviewed. A Regents committee has recommended creating an incentive program to encourage campuses to reduce doctoral instruction.

Bill Estep is editor of Ohio University Today.

Undereducated Ohioans

Ohio ranks higher than the national average in high school graduates, but the state is below average in number of college graduates.



□ Ohio
□ U.S. Average

Educational Attainment

Source: U.S. Government
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Cheerleaders Kevin Crateau (left) and David Marts lead the Bobcat men's basketball team onto the Convo floor.



Bobcat teams capture three MAC titles



Junior Liz Kotch competes in the 200-yard butterfly for the women's swim team.



Gary Trent drives to the basket against Bowling Green.

W i n t e r sports

You could have renamed Athens "Title Town" for an eight-day period in late February and early March.

The women's swimming team won its seventh consecutive Mid-American Conference (MAC) title Feb. 25, leading the way for the women's basketball and men's wrestling teams, which also captured MAC championships.

The women's swim team tied the OU record for consecutive conference titles by outpointing host Miami by 12.5 points in the six-school MAC meet.

Bobcat Lisa MacNicol, a sophomore from Trenton, Mich., won the 100-yard butterfly, 100 freestyle, swam on four first-place relay teams, and was named co-winner of the MAC Swimmer of the Year Award. OU's Scott Hammond won his third MAC Coach of the Year Award.

Both the Bobcat women's and men's basketball squads were bounced from the MAC Tournament with semifinal losses in Toledo, but they advanced to the NCAA Tournament and postseason National Invitation Tournament (NIT), respectively. The women's at-large bid to the NCAA tourney was the first ever earned by a MAC school.

Coach Marsha Reall's women captured a share of the MAC regular-season title and the No. 1 seed in the conference tournament by defeating Ball State, 78-36, in the Convocation Center March 4. OU's second MAC championship in women's basketball and first since 1986 earned Reall conference Coach of the Year honors. OU finished its season with a 23-7 record following a 73-56 loss to the University of Washington in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

After gaining the national spotlight by winning the Preseason NIT title, Coach Larry Hunter's men's basketball squad experienced a roller-coaster season that saw it finish 24-10 overall and as runners-up in the MAC, three games behind champion Miami. With junior forward Gary Trent winning an unprecedented third consecutive MAC Player of the Year Award, the Bobcats' season ended with a 66-62 second-round loss at Iowa March 21 in the postseason NIT. OU defeated George Washington 83-71 in a first-round postseason NIT game.

The Bobcat wrestling team captured individual titles in four weight classes and won its third consecutive MAC team championship in early March by 18.5 points over Central Michigan. Winning individual championships were John Noble (118 pounds), Shawn Enright (126), Eric Kimble (134) and Joe Calhoun (150). Harry Houska, in his 27th year as OU's head coach, was honored as conference Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year. OU has won 12 MAC wrestling titles, the most of any school.

Later in March, Kimble placed fourth at 134 pounds at the NCAA Championships in Iowa City, Iowa, to earn All-American honors and pace the Bobcats to a 21st place finish, the best among Ohio colleges.

On the ice, the Bobcats' club hockey team compiled a 29-3-2 record and captured the American Collegiate Hockey Association national championship with a 4-0 victory over Penn State on March 4 in Tucson, Ariz.

Women's basketball Coach Marsha Reall discusses strategy with junior guard Kim Van Kannel, a MAC All-Academic selection.



Three-time MAC champion Joe Calhoun (right) grapples with a Central Michigan wrestler at 150 pounds in a dual meet OU won 30-8 on Feb. 18.

across the college green

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Photo: Jeff Friedman

The \$26 million Ping Student Recreation Center is expected to open Sept. 1 along South Green Drive. The state-of-the-art facility is being financed by a \$65-a-quarter student fee. Students, who approved the funding plan, have been involved in the planning process and in selecting equipment for the center. The above photo of the construction site was taken from atop Clippinger Labs.

Committee says administrative structure is in good shape

An administrative restructuring committee reports that Ohio University's academic administrative structure is in good shape as it is.

President Robert Glidden proposed a study of the administrative structure to assure the university is providing maximum flexibility for emerging disciplines or interdisciplinary fields of study.

Some had speculated the 14-person committee would suggest that the College of Arts and Sciences — with 20 departments — be split in half, but the committee recommended all colleges keep the same structure.

The search for a new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences was postponed until the fall of 1995 to allow the committee to complete its work. Harold Molineu, a political science faculty member since 1970 and associate dean of Arts and Sciences since 1986, has agreed to serve as acting dean for another year. He took over as acting dean in August when Dean Donald Eckelmann retired.

OSU-Mansfield official named new dean at Lancaster campus

Charles P. Bird, associate dean at Ohio State's Mansfield campus since 1987, was named the new dean at Ohio University's Lancaster regional campus in late December, and took over the day-to-day operations of the campus on Feb. 1.

Bird, 46, was among 130 applicants for the position during a national search. He replaced Ray Wilkes, who died of a heart attack last April after 16 years as dean.

Bird, a licensed psychologist and experienced administrator, joined the Ohio State-Mansfield faculty as an assistant professor of psychology in 1976 and was named acting associate dean in November 1986. He assumed the permanent post of associate dean in 1987.

Bird, who was active in campus and community activities in Mansfield, earned his Ph.D. and master's degree in experimental psychology from Florida State University in 1975 and 1973, respectively.

The Lancaster campus enrolled 1,500 part-time and full-time students fall quarter. The campus offers seven two-year degree programs, three bachelor's degree programs, and master's tracks in business administration and political science.

Glidden hopes to name new athletic director by early May

President Robert Glidden says he hopes to have a new athletic director appointed by early May and on the job by July 1.

Glidden announced Feb. 5 that the contract of Athletic Director Harold McElhaney will not be renewed when it expires June 30. McElhaney, who has been athletic director since 1978, received written notice Nov. 28 that his contract would not be renewed.

In announcing his decision, Glidden said "the university needs a more aggressive approach to athletic administration." McElhaney's 17-year tenure as athletic director was the longest in the Mid-American Conference.

Glidden appointed College of Health and Human Services Dean Barbara Chapman as chair of an 11-person search committee. Three to five finalists were expected to visit the Athens campus for interviews and public meetings in April.

Trustees pass resolution urging Congress not to cut funding

Ohio University's Board of Trustees passed a resolution at its meeting in early February in Athens urging Congress to continue federal support for student financial aid, public broadcasting, and indirect reimbursement costs for federally sponsored research.

Trustees urged the Ohio Congressional delegation and the U.S. House Budget Committee to "weigh the long-standing federal investments in higher education on a cost-benefit basis, and the past and future return on those investments, before eliminating or cutting programs."

Nearly 6,000 OU students are receiving an average of \$5,050 this year in Stafford loans as part of OU's participation in the federal direct subsidized loan program. One Congressional proposal would eliminate the interest subsidy now paid by the government while the student is in school. Also threatened is federal work-study funding, which aids about 1,400 OU students each year, and funding for other loan programs.

A U.S. House subcommittee's proposal in late February to cut subsidies to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) over the next two fiscal years could mean a loss of up to \$500,000 for Ohio University's Telecommunications Center, said center Director Joe Welling. The subcommittee recommended that the CPB's \$285.6 million budget be cut by 15 percent or \$47 million in 1996, and 30 percent or \$94 million in 1997.

The Telecommunications Center received \$862,816, or 24 percent of its budget, from the CPB this year. That money funds 10.5 jobs — 19.3 percent of the center staff — and 36 paid student assistant positions, as well as educational projects and portions of several major programs. The center operates two public television stations and six public radio stations in Athens and Southeastern Ohio.

New football staff plans to play the option

Not only will Ohio University's Bobcats take the football field with a new coaching staff next fall, they also will feature a new look on offense.

Jim Grobe, an assistant coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy since 1984, was appointed the Bobcats' new head coach Dec. 12. And Grobe wasted little time in announcing a new game plan to set about reversing the Bobcats' football fortunes. OU hasn't won a Mid-American Conference championship since 1968 and hasn't recorded a winning season since 1982.

"My concern centers around the quarterback position. A lot will be determined by how quickly we can find a quarterback to run the option," Grobe said of the Bobcats' new offense. "In time, we're going to have an explosive offense that's going to be exciting for the fans in the stands and the alumni."

Air Force is one of the few teams in the country which runs the option, a formation that allows the quarterback to carry the ball himself, hand off or pitch to one of the running backs, or pass on the run. With players sometimes outweighed by 20 to 40 pounds, Air Force used its quickness and the option to earn seven post-season bowl bids in the past 10 years.

Grobe said his staff also is concentrating on developing more team strength. For the first time, OU is expected

to hire a full-time strength coach later this spring. "I'm concerned about our overall team strength," Grobe said. "We're not nearly as strong as we need to be."

Grobe's staff signed 21 players to national letters of intent this winter. Among the group were nine players from Ohio and 12 from out of state, including five from Florida. All four quarterbacks signed have run the option.

Grobe's new coaching staff includes four former assistant coaches at Air Force and one holdover from former Coach Tom Lichtenberg's OU staff — tight ends Coach Jeff Mullen. Lichtenberg was reassigned by President Robert Glidden on Oct. 31 (see related story). He compiled an 8-45-2 record in his five seasons as head coach.

Glidden described Grobe as "a coach who believes strongly in achieving success through discipline, hard work and pride, and he has a reputation of giving good attention to his athletes' academic work as well as their athletic development."

Grobe, a 1975 graduate of the University of Virginia, coached at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., from 1979 to 1984, and is familiar with Ohio prep football.

The Bobcats begin the 1995 season at Iowa State on Aug. 31, then open at home against Illinois State Sept. 9.



Photo: Joshua Hodson/Associated Press

Jim Grobe



Copeland Hall reopened for classes spring quarter following a two-year, \$7.8 million renovation project. The remodeling of the College of Business Administration building included a 14,000-square-foot, three-story addition, a 36 percent increase in classroom space, and multimedia capabilities added to all 15 classrooms.

Photo: Jeff Friedman

Lichtenberg, Tampke appointed to development staff positions

Former Bobcat football Coach Tom Lichtenberg and former University of Central Florida administrator Molly Tampke have been appointed to positions in the Development Office. Lichtenberg began his new duties as assistant athletic director for development in early February. He will help expand fund-raising efforts in Ohio and across the country, and continue efforts to create a development program for women's athletics. The position is a joint appointment with Intercollegiate Athletics and the Development Office.

Tampke began her new duties Feb. 1 as assistant dean for development in the College of Arts and Sciences, managing constituent and major gift fund raising with alumni and friends of the college. She replaced Martin Terrell, who left to take a position at Florida State University.

Tampke had been working on a three-month assignment in Intercollegiate Athletics. She previously worked in development positions at the University of Central Florida and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Schmidt to return for 25th reunion as a Hall of Famer

Michael Jack Schmidt, BBA '72, will return to Athens for the 25th anniversary reunion of the 1970 Bobcat baseball team, May 6-7, as the latest member of major league baseball's Hall of Fame.

Schmidt, the shortstop on the 1970 Bobcat squad that finished fourth in the nation and made OU's only trip to the College World Series, earned his ticket to Cooperstown in January by attracting the largest number of votes ever cast for one player.

Schmidt, winner of three National League most valuable player awards, a record eight home run titles and 10 Gold Gloves in an 18-year career with the Philadelphia Phillies, was elected in his first year of eligibility by the Baseball Writers Association of America. Of the record 460 ballots cast, Schmidt was named on 444.

That surpassed the previous best by a Hall of Famer, set last year by Schmidt's former teammate, pitcher Steve Carlton, who was named to 436 of 455 ballots.

Before retiring following the 1989 season, Schmidt, a Dayton native and 12-time All-Star, hit 548 career home runs, seventh on the all-time career list and most ever by a third baseman.

Long-time deans and directors announce their retirement

Several deans and directors, many of whom were considered pioneers on the Athens campus, announced their retirements in the late fall and winter. The long list includes Honors Tutorial College Dean Margaret Cohn; Andy Chonko, director and conference coordinator for the Office of Continuing Education, Conferences and Workshops; Chuck Culp, director of the Physical Plant operations; Chuck Scott, co-founder of the visual communication program; Gladys Bailin, director of the School of Dance since 1983; and Cynthia Norkin, founding director of the School of Physical Therapy.

Cohn became director of Honors Tutorial College in 1977 after five years as assistant director, and the Board of Trustees appointed her the college's first dean in 1991. During Cohn's tenure, the college received two Program Excellence Awards from the Ohio Board of Regents, and enrollment increased from 50 to more than 200. Voted an honorary alumna by the Ohio University National Alumni Association in 1993, Cohn plans to continue teaching part time.

Chonko joined the OU staff in 1969 as conference coordinator for workshops and conferences, became director of that office in 1975, and saw the office through its transition to include continuing education. The winner of an OU Outstanding Administrator Award in 1987, he retired Jan. 20.

Culp is leaving the university June 30 after a 33-year career that began in 1962 when he became head resident director of Bush Hall. He served in several administrative positions, including vice president for administrative services, before taking over at the Physical Plant in 1976.

Scott co-founded the Institute of Visual Communication on campus in 1978 and continued as director when the program became the School of Visual Communication in 1986. Scott joined the Ohio University faculty in 1969, left campus in 1974 to become picture editor of the *Chicago Tribune*, then returned to OU in 1976. He was to be presented with the Ohio News Photographers Association's first Lifetime Achievement Award April 1.

Bailin joined the OU faculty in 1972, three years after the School of Dance was formed. In 1986, she became the first woman to be named a Distinguished Professor, an award that recognizes scholarly accomplishment, reputation and contribution to the university. Bailin was named a University Professor in 1983.

Norkin has directed the School of Physical Therapy since its inception in 1984. Under her leadership, the school has grown to include 72 students involved in an extensive clinical program, six full-time faculty, and nine physical therapists. The school will admit 30 students into a new master's program in June. Norkin will take early retirement and reach one quarter a year.

Professor of Dance Madeleine Scott, a faculty member since 1980, has been named the new director of the School of Dance, and Larry Nighswander, assistant director of illustrations at *National Geographic* magazine, was appointed director of the School of Visual Communication. Other appointments had not been made as *Ohio University Today* went to press.

Around campus

■ Classified staff employees seeking to give something back to the university have endorsed three scholarships and plan to endow a fourth from funds raised by selling coverlets woven with images of Ohio University. Of the total \$45,000 raised, \$15,000 will be endowed for each of three annual scholarships to be designated for non-traditional students, employees' dependents and/or spouses, and regional campus students. The fund-raising effort was sponsored by the Classified Staff Advisory Council.

■ President Robert Glidden announced in February plans to form eight committees to examine a range of university policies, programs and operations as part of an effort to improve Ohio University. Committees will analyze subjects ranging from academic program assessment and teaching excellence to community and economic development and enrollment management. The groups made up of faculty, trustees, administrators and students also will examine the university's international activities and the quality of life for students on campus. "The committees present an opportunity for university-wide discussion that I think will be important here," Glidden said.

■ Office of Admissions officials expected a record 12,000 freshman applications for the 1995-96 academic year, exceeding the 11,450 applications the Athens campus received for the 1992-93 academic year. With enrollment steadily increasing during past years and officials seeking to maintain the quality of life for students on campus, Admissions is trying to "intentionally hold the line" on enrollment by setting a target class size of 3,200, compared to 3,314 last year. Applications of African-American students were up almost 37 percent over last year, and Hispanic-American applications had jumped 62 percent.

■ At least one person in every university budget unit will be designated to receive sexual harassment complaints and make initial determinations about how the complaints should be handled under a recently revised university sexual harassment policy and procedure. More than 80 selected employees had completed training sessions by early March. Conducted by the Affirmative Action Office, the training includes educating designated employees about policy and procedures surrounding sexual harassment. Though no statistics have been kept, Affirmative Action Director William Y. Smith said sexual harassment "exists enough to cause us to have concerns."

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Privatizing the Postal Service will result in improved delivery

By Doug Adie

Despite taking longer to deliver a first-class letter today than in the 1960s, the U.S. Postal Service has raised postage from 6 cents in 1971 to 32 cents today. And yet, even admirers of the Postal Service — and there are many — now must admit that an increasing amount of mail is not just late; it is not being delivered at all. With disturbing regularity, postal inspectors have found vast quantities of stagnant, temporarily stored mail at postal depots in Chicago and Washington.

Unhappily for the Postal Service, some of the undelivered mail does not stay in stations but leaks out into society where others stumble upon it. As journalist Jonathan Franzen recounted in a detailed portrait of Chicago's postal crisis in the *New Yorker* last year, a letter carrier helping a co-worker start his truck in a post office parking lot stumbled onto 100 sacks of undelivered mail in the rear cargo area. Chicago police in 1994 found 200 pounds of relatively recent mail burning beneath a viaduct and 20,000 pieces of vintage mail (some pieces dating to 1970) in garbage cans behind the house of a retired mail carrier.

There is a common theme to these stories. Carriers prefer to leave the mail at the station but sometimes can't because of pressure from inspectors. If they take more mail than they can deliver, they abandon it or take it home, intending to deliver it later. Eventually, it becomes too old to deliver, so it must be destroyed or discarded. How much mail is out there lying in attics and closets of current or retired carriers? We may never know, but according to *Business Mailers Review*, only 49 percent of third-class mail arrives on time. Postal Service critic James Boward says the Postal Service "loses or disposes of" more than 1 billion letters per year.

In a private company, incorrect decisions, worker problems or inferior services decrease profits and affect the security of management and workers. Consumers turn to better-performing competitors. In the Postal Service, by contrast, there is no straightforward mechanism to correct problems or force the agency to change. The public cannot shift its business to more efficient competitors, because competition is prohibited.

What is to be done? Without repeal of the private express statutes, which grant the Postal Service its monopoly on delivery of first-class letters, there can be no postal reform. With such a repeal, a vigorous private industry would arise. Of course, the Postal Service will not give up its monopoly voluntarily. As AT&T previously argued for its monopoly, the Postal Service says that competition would make for less efficient service. But as University of Toronto economists Melvin Fuss and Leonard Waverman have documented, competition has improved service, reduced prices and encouraged technological improvements in the telephone industry. The same can be said for the electric and cable industries.

The Postal Service has lost most of its package business to United Parcel Service because of high rates, slow and unreliable delivery, and careless handling. How can it argue that the service of potential first-class competitors would be inferior or more expensive? But Postal Service managers say that postal entrepreneurs would take the most profitable part of the postal business, leaving the government with the unprofitable remainder. They



Photo: Bill Bretzger

Professor of Economics Doug Adie

say that lost business would cause inefficiencies and necessitate raising prices for rural delivery, or the abandonment of universal service at uniform rates.

On the contrary. The present government monopoly is so inefficient that private delivery services already are willing to deliver third-class mail to rural residents for less than the current government-subsidized rates. Third-class mailers believe their mail can be delivered more cheaply by private carriers — even in rural areas.

To combat the fear that a private postal service might charge exorbitant prices, privatization legislation also could tie maximum postage rates to the consumer price index for several years.

But could the problems of the Postal Service be solved by simply "contracting out" postal functions to private businesses through a bidding process? The answer is a resounding no. The Postal Service successfully has contracted out some rural delivery, mail transport, postal stations and pre-sorting with noted improvements to efficiency. The problem is that all the gains from these efficiencies have been offset by Postal Service actions to implement higher salaries, higher perks and phony contracts that financially benefit friends of postal managers. Thus, these efficiencies have not translated into lower postal rates for clients or savings for taxpayers.

Full privatization is the best solution to solving the postal headaches, although it should be gradual. The deregulation process can begin simply by allowing individual post boxes to receive materials from all delivery systems, which could be done immediately. This is equivalent to open access in the local telephone system. The existing prohibition serves no useful function except to help preserve the vested interest of the postal monopoly.

This simple deregulation does not go far enough. Following the model of the AT&T breakup, the Postal Service should be divided into five regional delivery systems, a support-services company and a bulk-mail company. The Postal Service already is organized into western, central, eastern, northeastern and southern divisions. Without much reorganization, the Postal Service could make these divisions into postal operating companies which would provide local delivery service.

The divested companies then would be sold via stock offerings to the public, private postal contractors currently used by the Postal Service, and postal employees. Taxpayers would be big winners. The stock offering could yield more than \$15 billion for the federal treasury. And corporate tax revenues

Long an advocate of privatizing the U.S. Postal Service, Economics Professor Doug Adie has written three books on the postal system. His 1988 book, *Monopoly Mail: Privatizing The United States Postal Service*, established him as a national authority on the Postal Service.

Adie has testified before the President's Commission on Privatization and has been widely quoted by media across the country. An expanded version of Adie's column on this page ran in the Jan. 30 issue of *Insight*, the 85,000-circulation national newsweekly published by the *Washington Times*.

Adie, 54, came to Ohio University in 1968 after earning his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, where he studied economics with Nobel laureates Milton Friedman and George Stigler.

raised from the profitable private postal companies could be as high as \$500 million annually.

But could the government sell this corporate bureaucracy with its troublesome and inefficient work force? The Postal Service is organized militarily from the top down. Jobs are lucrative and secure with the only real fear being a punitive assignment to the midnight shift or a high-crime area. Drug and alcohol use frequently are tolerated on the job.

The Postal Service does not reward employees or managers for improving efficiency, because they cannot legally appropriate its profits.

Although the Postal Service is inefficient now, it still manages to break even in a good year. It has remarkable promise to be profitable if privatized under the best arrangement. While the repeal of the private express statutes eventually would reduce the profit potential for the privatized postal service, it also would provide the competitive spur to further seek out significant cost-reducing innovations. The existing network of offices and facilities gives the Postal Service considerable potential.

Costs could be cut significantly. More than one-third of labor costs could be eliminated if postal workers agreed to cuts that would bring wages in line with the private sector. As an incentive to do this, employees and owners could be offered dividends paid out of profits. An offer by United Airlines pilots to cut their salaries by 25 percent as part of an employee-buyout plan illustrates the feasibility of such a plan.

An interim government corporation should be formed to appoint temporary boards of directors for each of the divested companies before the stock is sold. After the sale, large stockholders would nominate and elect regular directors. The board of directors then would be responsible for hiring and firing top management which, in turn, would operate the companies.

Ben Franklin, postmaster of the British Post Office of North America, defined the postal mission as that of binding the nation together through a reliable communications system.

Two hundred years later, the Postal Service has more than accomplished the postal mission. Now the task is to provide fast, reliable and inexpensive document-delivery service, and the government-owned monopoly is a poor tool for doing the job. It is high time that postal entrepreneurs be given their chance.

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Byham keynoted the first Business Week on campus in September.

By Dwight Woodward

Empowerment — the act of giving power and authority — is a word that's crept into the nation's vocabulary. Books and lecturers on topics ranging from self-help and child psychology to business management and organizational communication tout the importance of helping other people help themselves.

Long before the concept was commonplace, Bill Byham, BS '58, MS '60, and his 1988 book *Zapp! The Lightning of Empowerment* took the concept out of the classroom and into the corporate boardrooms of America, where managers and chief executive officers of Fortune 500 companies are adopting the principles of *Zapp!* The book is a fictionalized story of how employees can play a more meaningful role in companies if they're allowed to make more decisions.

"*Zapp!* is the best book I have ever read on empowering people within the business organization," says Don Soderquist, vice chairman and chief operating officer of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. "Its secret is in painting a simple and yet vivid picture in the reader's mind, accompanied by a concise review of the principles. In fact, it is so simple I found it profound."

Byham's message has become attractive to corporate America. IBM bought 40,000 copies of *Zapp!*, General Electric purchased 30,000, and Dupont, PepsiCo and Wal-Mart all bought more than 10,000 copies. The book's success has yielded a high demand for Byham as a guest speaker. He delivers about 100 speeches a year at \$12,000 a pop for a two-hour lecture.

What is Byham's message and why is it so popular?

"You have to capture people's hearts," Byham says. "You give the employee clear responsibilities, clear goals and a way to reach the goals. Then let them go and achieve. Empowerment produces psychological ownership of the job, which creates energy from the human need to succeed."

Byham and his book have been featured in *Business Week* magazine, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, *Fortune* magazine and other publications. More than 1.5 million copies of *Zapp!* have been printed. He returned to his alma mater in Athens in September, where he delivered the keynote speech for the College of Business Administration's first Business Week. Byham, who did not charge a fee for his OU appearance, discussed how personal and team empowerment can build organizational success and job satisfaction.

Byham advises managers to switch from a "boss" mentality to a "coach" role. He says the philosophy of *Zapp!* can be reduced to four axioms business leaders should keep in mind when dealing with employees: maintain self-esteem, listen with

empathy, seek help when solving problems, and offer help without removing responsibility for action.

With clearly defined goals and responsibilities, employees become "empowered" to perform their jobs. Allowing individuals to make decisions within their area of responsibility permits employees to enjoy their jobs more and perform their duties with enthusiasm and creativity — *Zapp!* energy — says Byham.

"A lot of managers learned to be managers in a time when they were taught to plan, organize, and control — tell people what to do and direct the activity," says Byham, '58. "Permitting people to have their own thoughts and the ability to decide for themselves is a relatively new change in the world of business."

The power of Byham's ideas has captivated business leaders worldwide, which is reflected in the growth of his training and consulting company — Development Dimensions International (DDI). Founded in the basement of his Pittsburgh home 25 years ago, Byham has developed the company into a global corporation with 31 offices in North America and 23 offices in 19 other countries, including England, France, Australia and Singapore.

In 1994, DDI offered training to more than two million people and amassed more than \$60 million in sales. Twelve thousand organizations currently use DDI's products and services, including 400 of the Fortune 500 companies. DDI now employs about 800 people and has its own printing and video production facilities in Pittsburgh, where it produces about 150 videos a year to meet a growing corporate demand.

Byham's route to CEO of one of the world's largest consulting firms did not include a stop in a business school and went far afield from his initial pre-college plans. When it came time for him to leave his hometown of Parkersburg, W.Va., and attend college, Byham decided to follow in the footsteps of his parents, who both graduated from Ohio University. Byham decided to major in zoology because it would aid him when it came time to join the family undertaking business.

Byham earned his zoology degree in 1958, but never returned to his hometown. It was during his junior year that he found a different calling when he took a course in industrial psychology from Professor Richard Steven Uhrbrock.

"I loved the content of the course, and I thought Dr. Uhrbrock was one of the greatest people I had ever met," Byham says. "I saw industrial psychology as a unique combination of science and business, and it combined my interests."

Byham stayed in Athens to complete a master's

Byham empowers Fortune 500 companies with enthusiasm, creativity

"Permitting people to have their own thoughts and the ability to decide for themselves is a relatively new change in the world of business."

Bill Byham BS '58 MS '60

in experimental psychology and went on to complete his Ph.D. in industrial psychology at Purdue.

At 25, he moved to New York City after becoming intrigued by the advertising world. Once in the Big Apple, Byham got a break when he was hired as assistant to the executive vice president of a large advertising agency. With access to the inner workings of the organization, Byham got a solid education in business management before leaving the agency after two years to work for J.C. Penney.

At Penney's corporate headquarters, Byham was among the first industrial psychologists to use the "assessment center method" of determining the promotion potential of individuals to management positions. The method places people in simulated situations depicting challenges they will face in their future jobs while observers evaluate their decisions.

Byham began presenting national conferences on the assessment method, but it was an article on the subject in the July 1970 *Harvard Business Review* that catapulted him into a new career. Executives at a number of large corporations, including Ford and Shell Oil, read the story and asked Byham to help them apply his method to their organizations.

With his growing reputation as a business consultant, Byham left Penney after six years, and with a silent partner started his own business to help companies develop assessment programs. DDI grew rapidly, doubling and tripling yearly, hitting \$1 million in sales by 1975.

Byham continues to write, consult and preach his message to management. His 1994 sequel to *Zapp!*, *HeroZ: Empower Yourself, Your Coworkers, Your Company* — Byham's 16th book — is garnering praise.

"I've always been conscious of capturing people's minds," Byham said. "Unless you change people's jobs in the environment in which they work, better communication won't do it. *Zapp!* is a true win-win opportunity. Management gets more motivated, energized workers and, most importantly, the employees get to feel good about their jobs and obtain true satisfaction from their work."

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Humor in the workplace

By Emily Caldwell

Ohio University alumna Marjorie Peterson, MSJ '94, recalls a recent stressful meeting at the Timken Co. in which she and staff members struggled with how to put a new health care plan in place.

Among other changes, the plan called for an increase in mental health benefits. Surrounded by colleagues facing a tight deadline for the project, Peterson — relatively new in her job as principal communications representative for Timken in Canton — took a stab at breaking the tension. She cracked a joke.

"I said, 'How fast can we implement this? I feel a need coming on,'" says Peterson.

The response: a little laughter to lighten things up.

It's important to make an effort to let a little humor into your work life, says Marianna Nunes, a traveling lecturer who held a workplace humor workshop on the Athens campus in December.

The idea here is not to test the limits of your boss or your coworkers, but to take some time at work to lighten up a little and fit in some fun. Though Nunes offers more than 100 suggestions for ways to be funny at work, she says a basic step is being able to laugh at yourself so you can laugh with others. Other Nunes tips: Risk embarrassment. Resist less. Play more. Appreciate what you have. Forgive. Have faith things will work out. In short, be childlike.

At the same time, you have to recognize the risks. Be aware women and men communicate differently. Pay attention to the existing power structure. As Nunes notes, humor has to be appropriate, timely and tasteful.

In the post-Clarence Thomas/Anita Hill era, introducing humor anywhere, and especially in the workplace, can be tricky; care must be taken when cracking jokes on the job. And part of the responsibility to squelch the first signs of sexual harassment lies with those who feel others' behavior is inappropriate, Nunes says.

"It's your responsibility if someone is being inappropriate to say something, because if you don't say anything, people will continue the behavior," she says. "It's gotten into the realm where people are afraid to touch other people. You just have to know the organization's climate and watch your body language."

The thing about successful use of humor is that it can feel tremendous, Nunes says. She names 10 benefits of letting humor into your life. According to Nunes, humor: helps you cope with changes; alleviates stress; enhances resistance to disease; builds communication; builds teams; increases creativity and productivity; builds morale and motivation; makes you feel better about your job; resolves conflicts; and builds rapport and connections.

Timken's Peterson sees humor as essential to



putting workers at ease when workloads and stress levels increase. "I've seen appropriate humor diffuse many a volatile situation," she says.

It shouldn't take much to convince someone that humor can help, Nunes says. "People are attracted to funny people." It's as simple as that.

The same goes for lawyers, says Jack Thomas, BSC '79, a lawyer-turned-comedian who created a "Humor in Advocacy" seminar he teaches to attorneys across the country.

Thomas' humor seminar is serious business. It has to be approved in states as a course for which lawyers will receive credit they are required to earn each year. He researched rhetorical use of humor and psychological theories, and drew on his legal and comic background to develop the seminar. The sessions also touch on such subjects as cohesiveness, persuasiveness and stress alleviation achieved through humor.

"I don't want participants to think I want them to be Henny Youngman, attorney at law," Thomas says. "Frankly, people hate lawyers, but they agree with people they laugh with. You can use humor to humanize yourself with the jury."

Humor can be a persuasive tool for lawyers as well. "If you and I share a laugh, what's going on is you're saying, 'Yeah, I see the world the same way you do,'" Thomas says. That initial agreement can be used later, he says, to persuade jurors to see a trial issue in a way favorable to the lawyer's client.

Thomas earned a law degree in 1982 from Ohio State University and practiced law for five years in Columbus before quitting in favor of a career as a stand-up comedian. Now based in Los Angeles, he presented his first seminar in Columbus in July 1994, and has taken it on the road to cities in Ohio, Kentucky, Arizona, New Mexico and California.

"The problem with humor in serious situations, such as in the courtroom, is that people would say it's inappropriate," Thomas says. "But it depends on when it's used. I say a good time to use it is during jury selection, when you're first getting to know jurors. It sets them at ease."

Putting oneself at ease is a good first step toward lifting spirits around the office, Nunes says. What you shouldn't do, though, is put pressure on other

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people — or yourself — to be funny. Nunes doesn't expect people to walk out of her workshop and onto a stage.

"Once people leave, they might just shift their attitude, and think, 'I'm not going to take things so seriously,' or they might live their life in a more balanced way. That's really all I want," Nunes says.

Those are the kinds of lessons Maurcen Muth, BSW '92, learned about humor at Nunes' workshop.

"It helps to have a lighter side to the job, and to keep that in mind so you don't have stress getting you down," says Muth, program coordinator at a group home for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled adults in Logan. Muth says she also tries not to take things quite so seriously at work when the pressure intensifies and responsibilities pile up.

More deliberate attempts at humor in certain professions can make a big difference in an employee's success, says Mel Helitzer, a humorist, author, national lecturer, former New York advertising firm owner and Ohio University professor of journalism who teaches comedy writing (see related story).

"Humor is a prop," Helitzer says. "A salesman knows he'll be invited in by a buyer as much for his likable personality as for his product."

Helitzer also says people can use humor effectively by making an impression. His example: a job interview. The scene: the interviewee telling the interviewer a series of things she likes about the company, or a series of exemplary personal work habits. The follow-up joke: "I also lie a lot." The expected result: at best, a laugh; almost always, being remembered.

"Humor is probably one of the most powerful means of communication we have," Helitzer says. But just plain nice behavior also is effective in work relationships, he adds.

"We all know 'please' is a lot stronger than saying, 'Do it,'" Helitzer says. "We also know that psychiatrists have told us we cannot dislike somebody with whom we've shared a laugh."

It may pay to maintain a warm personality in the workplace in an era of downsizing as well, Helitzer warns. If you're not popular with your coworkers at budget-cutting time, he says, you've got a strike against you.

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Marianna Nunes



This class' final exam is a joke

By Emily Caldwell

More than 10 years after launching a trend-setting comedy class that has earned Mel Helitzer and Ohio University national attention, Helitzer still isn't satisfied.

At least 60 other universities in the country also have taken up teaching humor in one way or another, often using Helitzer's two textbooks on the subject, *Comedy Techniques for Writers and Performers* and *Comedy Writing Secrets*. Sixty isn't enough, Helitzer says. "I'm still frustrated that it isn't something that's sweeping the country," says Helitzer, a professor of journalism. "I think comedy is very important. I always thought humor should be taught at the university level."

Publicity about the first-of-its-kind class has, at times, swept the country. The course has been featured on ABC's "Good Morning America" and in *Newsweek* and *Rolling Stone* magazines, as well as several Ohio newspapers and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

"Humor Writing 488" is best known for its famous final exam, for which students write and perform a five-minute stand-up comedy routine in the Front Room of Baker Center. Students have the option of writing the routine for a stand-in, but most opt for the challenge of the performance before a packed house.

The grading system also is notorious: a standing ovation earns students an A, enthusiastic applause a B, polite applause a C. If the audience throws fruit, the unlucky comedian gets an F. If the fruit is edible, Helitzer will bump it up to a D. Helitzer recalls two students in 10 years who have been booted off the stage, and one time that someone threw something. "But it wasn't significant," he says.

In fact, those who don't do so well have Helitzer's sympathy. "I'm a surrogate parent. I die when they fail. I'm on a pretty high plane when they've done well. That's true of any coach," he says.

His students, after all, are not stand-up comedians, and most don't even aspire to that kind of fame. "Most don't intend to make humor their profession," says Helitzer. "They want to know they can do it."

Of course, there are exceptions. Alumnus Craig Higgins, BS '85, is in the throes of a successful stand-up

comedy career that began the night he took his "Humor Writing" final exam. Higgins majored in zoology and was working as a laboratory technician when he took the class. Once he got a taste of the stage, his lab days were numbered.

"The first time I stepped on stage, I knew that's what I wanted to do," says Higgins, 32, now living in Burbank, Calif., after working for several years in Chicago. In Athens, he hosted an open-mike comedy night at The Union Bar & Grill. Since those humble beginnings, Higgins has performed on a number of TV shows, including "Evening at the Improv" on Arts & Entertainment Network, the MTV "Half Hour Comedy Hour," and "Stand Up Stand Up" on Comedy Central. He also has made appearances in film, TV and commercials.

Essentially, anything goes in students' routines in Helitzer's class. "I'm teaching technique, not censoring subjects," Helitzer notes.

The class isn't devoted solely to yucking it up on a stage. Helitzer demands weekly five- to eight-minute verbal assignments of his students, as well as a term paper demonstrating research on some element of humor. The class meets eight nights per quarter.

During class sessions, Helitzer exposes his students' jokes to their peers for an honest reaction. Classmates root for each other as the stand-up final exam nears, says class alum Marjorie Peterson, MSJ '94. "Everybody supported everybody else, and Mel encouraged us to help each other," she says.

Peterson, 46, is one of the non-traditional class alumni. Helitzer says the class typically includes a number of older students, community members, and even people who travel from other Ohio cities just to take the course.

Peterson, on leave from Timken Co. to earn a master's degree in public relations, took Helitzer's class as a training exercise in communicating under stressful conditions. "It was essential to me to learn any technique available to inject humor into various situations. Since I'm more serious-oriented, I put myself in the awkward position of standing up and trying to be

funny," Peterson says. "I had a very serious objective. I didn't do it for fun."

Adam Green, BSC '88, approached the class with a little different point of view.

"You sort of have to have a misplaced or screwed-up ego, or the delusion that you have something to say or are entertaining," Green says. "If you possess that basic delusion, you do it and either you find out you were sort of right, or you become bitter and think, 'Nobody understands me.' The class confirmed both suspicions for me."

Green actually met success with the class, doing well on his final, appearing as a guest a year later and finally emceeing the whole exam a year after that. But Green didn't pursue stand-up comedy after college. Instead, he is an editor at Remy Publishing Co. in Chicago and a freelance cartoonist who has published one book with plans for another collection in the works.

Like Peterson, though, Green considered the comedy class a learning experience and an appealing opportunity for freedom of expression.

"It's a real confidence builder," he says. "Inevitably, you're going to have to talk to a group of people I know a lot of people who have stage fright. The only way to get over that nervousness is to just do it."

Along with that life lesson, the comedy class alumni take with them varying degrees of the power the 70-year-old Helitzer says is associated with the use of humor at work, at home, or in life.

"I'm having a ball teaching comedy, writing about it and getting paid," he says. "I consider myself one of the luckiest guys around."

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Jack Thomas



Craig Higgins



Helitzer began his comedy class more than 10 years ago.

OU researchers helping curb Chagas transmission in Ecuador

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By Jeff Thomas

Mario Grijalva always intended to improve the quality of life in his homeland after training at Ohio University. The Ecuadorian-born immunologist just didn't know it would happen so soon.

"Research is a luxury there . . . and we kind of take up where the clinicians leave off," says Grijalva, a doctoral candidate and staff member of the university's Tropical and Geographical Disease Institute. "The efforts by institutions like ours in the U.S. to help people abroad should be continued, because they work."

In the case of Ecuadorian people, the discovery by Grijalva of blood supplies infected with Chagas' disease may save thousands of people from needlessly contracting this particularly insidious tropical disease.

Usually the infectious parasite, a single-celled protozoan called *Trypanosoma cruzi*, enters human hosts through the blood-sucking "kissing bug," and causes gradual degeneration of the heart. Now blood transfusions are believed to be the second greatest transmitter of Chagas, which can result in death 10 or 20 years after the disease is contracted.

This fall, the government and Red Cross of Ecuador and the Tropical and Geographical Disease Institute entered into a contract by which Ohio University researchers are now supplying an antigen used for testing the blood. The antigen is derived from the protozoan itself, and will result in fewer "ghosts" - false positive or negative results - while saving time for the overworked clinicians in this country, says Ed Rowland, an associate professor of microbiology who has worked on the project. "With this method, you can process a lot of blood, and it's very sensitive."

Last spring, Grijalva was testing an antigen

developed at Ohio University when he requested blood samples from the Ecuadorian Red Cross. Assuming the samples wouldn't be tainted with the parasite, Grijalva planned to use them as a negative control group. What he found was a bit shocking.

"I found that in 10 samples, three were positive (for the *Trypanosoma cruzi* protozoan)," Grijalva said. "I screened 310 more samples and 6 to 10 percent were positive."

Subsequent screening of 3,000 samples from the nation's blood supply showed between 3 and 10 percent of the blood supply was contaminated with the protozoan. Additionally, it became obvious that the contamination wasn't limited to the lower elevations of the country, where the insect responsible for most transmissions of the parasite is common.

The triatomid, or "kissing bug," lives in wall crevices in many of the adobe homes in rural South and Central America and is extremely aggressive in attacking people. Many times, it will drop off the ceilings or walls onto its sleeping victims; its nickname derived from the fact it often sucks blood from the victim's face.

Controlling this transmitter, or vector, of the disease-causing parasite is one of the most effective methods in preventing the disease. But clearly, new tests also were necessary to eliminate the disease from the blood supply. The disease already infects as many as 20 million people in Central and South America.

In response to Grijalva's findings, the Ecuadorian Red Cross initiated a blood-screening program in the city of Quito which has now expanded to four other cities. Grijalva spent December training lab technicians in these cities.

According to William Romoser, director of the Tropical and Geographical Disease Institute, the time has long passed in which tropical diseases can be ignored by the populations of other regions of the world. Increased travel often brings these diseases into the United States before the victims have developed symptoms. Already, Chagas' disease has been found in blood supplies in Southern California.

For Grijalva, the tragedy the disease leaves in his country is painfully clear. Infants often die of the "acute" effects of the disease. The "chronic" phase may take 10 years to develop and includes heart disease, circulatory problems, damage to the central nervous system, or an enlargement of the digestive track, from which the victim can die an excruciating death.

Because the chronic effects take time to surface, the disease often strikes young adults, and plagues them for their remaining years. One case Grijalva saw this summer was exceptionally clear in his mind, in which a woman in her late teens was unable to continue any work or productive activity.

"She was a youngster, but there wasn't any way she could continue to live a normal life," he said.

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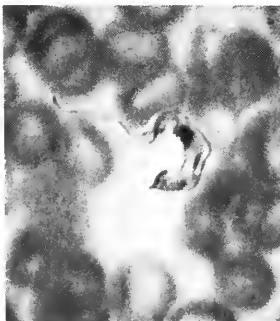


Mario Grijalva
(standing)
and Ed Rowland

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The blood-sucking "kissing bug" (left) infects humans with a single-celled parasite, *Trypanosoma cruzi* (right). The parasite causes Chagas' disease, an incurable heart disease that afflicts as many as 20 million people in Central and South America.



Research notes

Palmer links pesticides with declining amphibian populations

By Jeff Thomas

Ohio University researcher Brent Palmer linked pesticides with disappearing amphibian populations in January, and sent environmental reporters across the nation scurrying.

"It's the first time it's been shown in a laboratory that these chemical compounds are acting as estrogens in amphibians, although there has been speculation in the past," said Palmer, an assistant professor of microbiology. "Certainly this could be a significant nail in the coffin for amphibian populations."

Scientists have been puzzled for decades over the loss of many amphibian populations, such as the northern leopard frog, the Western Toad, and the Cascades Frog in North America. It is believed that 95 percent of the once widespread leopard frog population died off in a crash that began in the Eastern United States in the 1960s and continued westward.

Habitat loss, increased ultraviolet radiation from ozone depletion and acid rain all have been studied as the potential smoking gun in various declining amphibian populations, but pesticide pollution may be another factor which is present across the globe.

"There are no animals in the world that don't have measurable levels of DDT and dioxins — regardless of how far away they are from pesticide use or industrial pollution," Palmer said.

Populations of red-eared turtles and African clawed frogs were, respectively, injected with DDT, DES (an anti-abortion compound used from the 1940s until the 1970s) and estrogen in Palmer's study. He reported the results at a special symposium on environmental endocrine disrupters during the annual meeting of the American Society of Zoologists in St. Louis, and received widespread media attention. The laboratory research has been accepted for publication in *Environmental Health Perspectives*, a monthly publication of the National Institutes of Health, and will be followed by a wildlife study this spring.

Males injected with the chemicals all produced significant amounts of vitellogenin, a protein induced by the female hormone, estrogen. Vitellogenin is the precursor of egg yolk when present in ovaries, and no male hormones should produce this protein.

"What interested me is we were still getting a response from such a low dosage (one part per million) of DDT," Palmer said. "We have no idea of what the minimum dosage (to produce hormonal or endocrinal disruption) may be."

Although DDT was banned by the United States in 1972, background levels continue to rise through use in other countries, such as Mexico.

Chemical pollutants such as pesticides may be having an effect on both male and female populations in the wild, Palmer said. "DDT is actually a relatively weak estrogen, but it is extremely common and doesn't go away."

"Both males and females may be affected," he said. "Thirty percent of breast cancers (in women) are estrogenic, and the fat cells of the breast are very efficient at collecting pesticides such as DDT."



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Brent Palmer poses with a research turtle.

WHO circulates OU video

Ohio University experts are being largely credited with completing a video being circulated by the U.N.'s World Health Organization (WHO) as a means to combat increasing outbreaks of dengue, a viral tropical disease that now threatens the borders of the United States.

"They needed a vehicle to make the case for (increasing control of) dengue," said William Romoser, director of the university's Tropical and Geographical Disease Institute. "They used a considerable amount of the footage we took in Thailand." (See 1990-91 winter issue of *Ohio University Today*.)

The 16-minute video "Dengue, a Sinister Dawning," will premier at a WHO conference in May and will be taken across the globe to educate people on how to control the disease. Dengue hemorrhagic fever, the most severe form of the disease, can be fatal. In lesser forms, it is known as breakbone fever for the severe joint pain it causes.

The primary carrier of the virus is the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, which is now common throughout Mexico and the Southeastern United States.

The institute is planning to use its own footage in an upcoming, full-length documentary on dengue.

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Choking zebra mussels in pipes

Industrial and municipal water users with intake pipes choked by zebra mussels might do well to turn the tables on the rapidly proliferating mollusk, says an Ohio University engineering professor.

Literally suffocating zebra mussels may be the best way to keep water intake pipes clean without chemicals or expensive labor projects, said Tiao "Terry" Chang, an associate professor in the Russ College of Engineering and Technology. His conceptual method of removing dissolved oxygen from the water of intake pipes was recently patented, perhaps a first step in alleviating a problem estimated at costing water users \$5 billion by the turn of the century.

"They (the mussels) like to be 100 percent saturated with oxygen — lots of bubbles," Chang said. "If not, they are less active and unable to stick on the pipe."

Chang believes the mussels will not be able to affix themselves to the pipes where dissolved oxygen is only between 20 and 40 percent of saturation.

"The number one premise behind my method is to reduce the use of chemicals in controlling the zebra mussel," Chang said.

A variety of chemical agents have been used in attempts to control mussels, including chlorine, which has undesirable toxic effects and also is corrosive. The city of Cincinnati recently hiked its water fees 4 percent to implement a \$1 million chemical system for zebra mussel control.

From Chang's work, Ohio University was granted U.S. Patent No. 5,376,282 on Dec. 27 for the mechanical method of suffocating zebra mussels; related patents on the apparatus are still pending in the United States and abroad.

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Nation's Capital Chapter, Dallas/Fort Worth selected for Alumni Association award

The Nation's Capital Chapter and the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter have been chosen by the National Alumni Board of Directors as winners of the 1994 Outstanding Chapter Award in divisions I and II, respectively.

Division I includes chapters with more than 1,000 registered alumni in the region; Division II is for chapters with less than 1,000 alumni. The award recognizes chapters who demonstrate initiative, quality and high participation levels.

With more than 2,800 registered alumni, the Nation's Capital Chapter attracts members from Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia and Southern Maryland. From October 1993 to June 1994, the chapter held more than 10 events that attracted crowds ranging from 20 to 100. The events included an annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, a baseball game, a reception for former President Charles J. Ping, and the All-MAC Happy Hour.

The Nation's Capital Chapter initiated the Joseph M. Lichtenberg Memorial Scholarship Fund, which supports a financial-need scholarship for an outstanding junior or senior in the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism. The chapter also produces its own newsletter, *The Post-Athens Post*. Steve Yonkers, AB '88, is the chapter president.

The Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter was rewarded for sponsoring creative events such as the successful MAC Attack Tailgate Party, which annually attracts alumni from all Mid-American Conference schools. This year, Dallas/Fort Worth alumni began two new events: a family picnic and a fraternity/sorority mixer. Portions of proceeds raised from raffles at these events were donated to fund-raising efforts for Homecoming and for purchasing a new costume for the Bohcat mascot.

The Dallas/Fort Worth chapter, with nearly 900 members, also has taken an active role in improving Ohio University's recruitment of students from the Lone Star State. MCI Senior Vice President and chapter member Frank Kozel, BBA '67, regularly puts recent College of Communication graduates in touch with job and internship possibilities.

Brian Dailey, BSCOM '88, is president of the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter.

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Brown, Bressler honored as winners of the 1995 Ping Recent Graduate Award

Winners of the Ping Recent Graduate Award this year are Kimberly A. Brown, BSHEC '83, MFA '86, and Kevin A. Bressler, BBA '82, MBA '84. The awards are presented by the Alumni Association to those who have graduated in the past 15 years, and shown an active interest in Ohio University and/or how an OU education has been a factor in their careers.

The award is named for former President Charles J. Ping and his wife, Claire.

In 1988, Brown co-founded Spotlight Costumes, a costume design and retail store in Pittsburgh, with former classmate Anne L. Oates, MFA '85. Now part of an award-winning costume manufacturing company, Brown designs costumes for leading opera and theater productions.

Brown is co-chair of the Greater Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter and a volunteer Extern sponsor. The Extern Program matches alumni with current undergraduates, who serve internships during winter break.

President of the Greater Dayton Chapter, Bressler is a certified financial planner for American Express Financial Advisors in Miamisburg. He currently ranks in the top 25 in sales among the company's 8,000 financial planners, serving 675 clients with total assets exceeding \$40 million.

Bressler formerly was treasurer and vice president of the Greater Dayton Chapter. He helps organize several chapter events each year.

Bressler recently was named to the board of directors of the College of Business Administration's Society of Alumni and Friends. He and his wife, Karen Legner Bressler, BSJ '84, are members of the university's Trustees' Academy.

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Photo: Bill Bretzger

Five alumni recognized for distinguished service to chapters, constituent groups

Five alumni have been named winners of the Alumni Association's 1994 Distinguished Service Awards, symbolic of leadership in alumni activities, chapter organization and with constituent society groups.

Tan Sri Datuk Hj. Arshad Bin Ayub, LLD '73 HON. He helped reorganize the Malaysia Chapter in 1992 and now serves as its president. The director of 10 companies in Malaysia, he has been credited with contributing "tremendous cohesiveness" to the alumni chapter in Malaysia. He received an honorary doctorate of laws from Ohio University in 1973.

Loring "Bud" Connett, AB '47, MA '48, and Mary Banks Connett, BSHEC '46, have been affiliated with the Suncoast Alumni Chapter in Sarasota, Fla., since 1976 and currently serve on the chapter steering committee. They have been active in welcoming and helping alumni who are new to the area, and in providing transportation and food for chapter functions. Bud annually hosts a reunion of Delta Tau Delta members from the area.

Marcia Benjamin Michelli, BSJ '64, has served on the board of directors of the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut Chapter since 1978. A former chapter president, vice president and secretary, she has coordinated the chapter's College Night for nine years and its Holiday Party for the past seven years. She also revived the chapter's quarterly newsletter, *Cat Pause*. Michelli served on the National Alumni Board of Directors from 1989 to 1992.

Hazel K. Schmees, BS '56, has served the Alumni Association for 38 years, and remains active with the Greater Cincinnati Chapter as its vice president and one of its chief volunteers. For several years, she coordinated and chaperoned the chapter's bus trip to Siblings Weekend in Athens.

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Career Services, Alumni Association co-sponsor workshop on exploring career options

The Career Services Office on the Athens campus and the Alumni Association are co-sponsoring a day-long workshop for alumni on charting new career paths on Saturday, May 20 in Columbus.

The workshop will allow alumni to assess their skills and interests, and explore how to apply them in the job market. Through lectures and interactive exercises, the Career Services staff will cover self assessment, exploring career options, networking, and developing marketing materials and strategies.

The workshop will be held at a Columbus-area hotel from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program costs \$50, which includes materials and lunch. Enrollment is limited, so return the coupon (right) to receive registration information.

Ohio University freshman Jennifer Wuslich of Granger, Ind., and her 14-year-old brother Jeff share a hug before Jeff boards a bus for the trip home Jan. 29 during the annual Siblings Weekend on the Athens campus. Twenty-five buses carrying a record 1,250 OU siblings arrived Friday for a weekend full of events. Bus transportation for Siblings Weekend is sponsored by alumni chapters in cooperation with the Alumni Association.

Two scholarships offered for children of alumni to attend summer sports camps

For the 10th consecutive year, the Alumni Association is offering two scholarships for children of alumni to attend summer sports camps on the Athens campus.

At least one of the applicant's parents must be an Ohio University graduate. Children applying must submit their own 100-word essay, along with a letter of application that includes their name, age, address and school, and the parent's name and graduation year.

Deadline for applications is April 24. An Alumni Association committee will select recipients and notify them by May 15. The camps are for children 8 years old through high school age. Last summer, the university sponsored summer camps in eight sports.

Applications should be sent to: Summer Camp Scholarships, Ohio University Alumni Association, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869. For more details on the summer camps, call the Office of Continuing Education, Conferences and Workshops at 614-593-1776.

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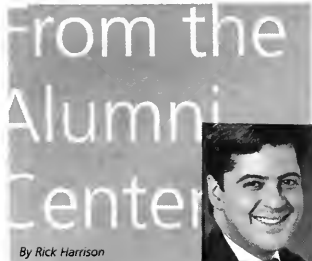
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By Rick Harrison

Did you know that an Ohio University alumni event occurs somewhere around the world every 48 hours? With 63 alumni chapters from Singapore to Toledo providing programming for 90,000 of the 137,000 alumni affiliated with Ohio University, the opportunities for involvement with your alma mater are many.

If you haven't attended an event or if it's been awhile, I'd like to tell you why you should get that next invitation to a chapter event with renewed interest. The following should convince you that your suspicions about alumni events probably aren't true.

■ **The events are for the "young people."** Tell that to Lucille Herrold, KP '23, BSED '24, who went to a Sarasota, Fla., chapter luncheon honoring President Robert Glidden and his wife, Rene', in December. Alumni representing a span of 65 graduation years attended the event.

■ **Alumni chapters are only for "older graduates."** You should meet Allison Laine, BSJ '93, who after graduation moved from her hometown of Westerville to the Big Apple, where her involvement with the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut Chapter brought her friendships and involvement as a chapter steering committee member.

■ **The events are too formal and expensive.** If you feel this way, you've never been among the 1,000 OU grads who attend the annual St. Pat's Party in the Cleveland Flats each March, or one of the alumni who attends the annual Charlotte Chapter Summer Picnic.

■ **My time is better spent helping others.** Tell that to the Houston Chapter, which adopts a child each Christmas; the Cleveland Chapter members who organized a 5K run to benefit a local hospital fund raiser; or the Dayton Black Chapter members who speak to minority high school students about the importance of higher education.

■ **I like sporting events.** Then you should have joined the Los Angeles Chapter watching the Reds-Angels baseball game; the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter watching the Rangers play the Indians; the Atlanta chapters, who went to a Hawks pro basketball game; or the 500 Cincinnati and Dayton chapter members who cheered on the Bobcat men's basketball team when it played Miami in Oxford in January.

■ **I live too far from Athens to do anything with alumni groups.** You might want to talk to Las Vegas Chapter alumni, who watched a live satellite telecast of the OU-Miami basketball game Feb. 6; the San Francisco Chapter members who heard College of Business Administration Dean C. Aaron Kelley update them about OU; or the Japan Chapter alumni, who had the opportunity to meet President Glidden at a reception in October.

■ **I want to do something to help the university.** Then you might want to talk with members of the OU Women's Club of Greater Cleveland, who have assisted more than 100 students through scholarships they have funded over the past 50 years; the St. Louis Chapter, which has adopted local students attending OU; or the Youngstown Chapter, which holds a reception for incoming freshmen each year.

The most popular excuse I've heard for not attending chapter functions is that I won't know anybody. Chances are you will. But how would you know unless you go? You share a common bond with fellow alumni who also have walked those brick-lined paths. It doesn't matter whether your memories revolve around the "Kissing Circle," drinking a beer on the Frontier Room porch, having lived on "Hog Island," or cheering on the 1941 Bobcat NIT runners-up. It makes no difference if you had Ray Gustafson for government, did the Court Street Shuffle, lived in Howard Hall, or watched the National Guard arrive in town one spring day in 1970.

Regardless of when you attended Ohio University, the special community you found here gives you an everlasting link with other grads, and alumni chapters provide opportunities for making new and lasting friendships.

As an Ohio University alum, you will continue to receive invitations to chapter events that are diverse and fun. It is the goal of the Alumni Association to provide you with opportunities for reinvolvement with your alma mater.

Attending an alumni chapter event can help you discover what thousands of alumni find each year: that Ohio University has never forgotten you and never will.

Give it a try.

Rick Harrison, BSJ '82, is director of the Office of Alumni Relations.

Two All-Americans among the latest five inductees into OU Athletic Hall of Fame

Two former All-Americans are among five inductees into the 30th class of the Ohio University Athletic Hall of Fame. They were honored during ceremonies at halftime of the Feb. 4 OU-Miami men's basketball game in the Convocation Center. Their induction brings to 188 the number of athletes honored since the Hall of Fame was founded in 1965.

Inductees include:

■ **Henry Clark, BS '88, PhD '93.** He was a three-time captain of the men's swimming team and narrowly missed making the 1988 U.S. Olympic squad. Clark was an All-American butterflyer in 1988, won seven Mid-American Conference titles, established eight school records, and was voted Mid-American Conference Senior Athlete of the Year. He is now a nuclear physicist at Texas A&M University.

■ **Mike Echstenkamper, BSC '80.** He earned second-team All-America baseball honors in 1979 as an outfielder who hit .424 and finished with a .358 career batting average, 10th-best in school history. He left school after his junior season upon being drafted by the New York Yankees. He and his wife, Kim, work with the Athletics in Action campus ministry at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.

■ **Dave Leveck, BBA '70.** He was a starting running back on the 1968 football team that went 10-0 and lost to Richmond in the Tangerine Bowl. A two-time All-MAC running back in 1968 and 1969, his 1,648 career rushing yards ranked second in school history at the time. He is a senior investment officer with Bank One in Columbus.

■ **Selina Christian Safari, BGS '86.** She was a three-time NCAA national qualifier in the 400-meter hurdles and a leading member of OU's 1981 and 1984 MAC women's track and field champions. She holds two indoor and two outdoor school records in the sprints and hurdles. A participant in the 1985 National Sports Festival, she now operates a janitorial maintenance business in Panorama City, Calif.

■ **Paul Storey, BBA '64.** He was an All-MAC center and most valuable player on the 1963-64 basketball team which advanced to the NCAA Regional Finals and lost to eventual NCAA runner-up Michigan. That team's 21-6 record was the best in school history up to then. Storey captained the 1963-64 team, averaging 14.1 points a game. He is now a sales manager for Freightliner Corp. in Dallas.

Two summer scholarships offered on six campuses for recent OU graduates

The Alumni Association is offering two summer scholarships for Ohio University graduates who have been away from college for more than three years and are interested in improving their career skills.

The full cost of up to 18 hours of summer course work at the Athens campus or any of the five regional campuses is covered by the scholarship. Financial need is considered.

The deadline for applying for the scholarships is April 30. Applications are available by writing to: Summer Scholars, P.O. Box 869, Athens, Ohio 45701-0869; by calling 614-593-4300; by faxing 614-593-4310; or by e-mail: HARRISON@OUVAXA.CATS.OHIO.EDU.



New legislation streamlines procedure for purchasing special university license plates

Recent state legislation has streamlined the registration procedure for purchasing the Ohio University Collegiate License Plate. As of Jan. 1, alumni and friends wishing to show their Bobcat pride can purchase OU plates at their local Deputy Registrar's Office or by sending mail-in registrations directly to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Registration Division, Collegiate License Plates, P.O. Box 16121, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0021.

Bobcat boosters previously had to contact the university's Office of Alumni Relations first, then were referred to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Forty dollars of the extra \$50 fee for each special tag returns to Ohio University and is contributed toward funding undergraduate scholarships for Ohio students. More than \$15,000 has been raised for OU scholarships since the collegiate license plate program began in 1992.

The special OU plate features a sketch of the Cutler Hall clock tower on the College Green and the words "Ohio University" in green across the bottom.



Carole Simpson

'World News Sunday' anchor Carole Simpson to keynote 27th Communication Week

Carole Simpson, anchor of "World News Sunday" and an Emmy-award winning senior correspondent for ABC-TV News, will appear as the keynote speaker of the College of Communication's 27th annual Communication Week April 24-28. Simpson will appear at 8 p.m. April 24 in Baker Center Ballroom. The speech is co-sponsored by the Kennedy Lecture Series and the College of Communication.

Simpson, a TV broadcaster for more than 20 years, came to ABC News from NBC in 1982. She reports most frequently on family and social issues for the "American Agenda" series on "World News Tonight," "Nightline" and other ABC News programs. Besides an Emmy, Simpson has received several awards for her reporting on social issues, particularly those involving children and families.

As is Communication Week tradition, each day of the week of April 24 will be devoted to events sponsored by the five schools in the college.



An artists' rendering of the proposed 2,500-seat baseball stadium.

Schmidt to donate proceeds from May 21 card show in Toledo to stadium effort

New Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Mike Schmidt, BBA '72, has joined the fund-raising efforts for creating a proposed new baseball complex on the Athens campus.

Schmidt plans to donate half of his proceeds from autographs at the "Mike Schmidt Card Show" Sunday, May 21 in Toledo to the baseball stadium project. Schmidt, an All-American shortstop at OU in 1970-71 and the only player elected by baseball writers to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., in early January, will appear at the Gladioux Plaza, 2630 W. Laskey Rd., in Toledo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets for the event and information about mail-in orders of various autographed items are available by the calling Ed Schutte, the event's promoter, at 419-891-9957.

"We could realize \$25,000 to \$70,000 for the stadium fund, depending on mail-in orders," said Bobcat baseball Coach Joe Carbone, BSED '70, a teammate of Schmidt's on the 1970 OU team that advanced to the NCAA College World Series.

The \$825,000 to \$1 million stadium project may include a 2,500-seat complex with a permanent concrete and brick grandstand, indoor locker room and clubhouse facilities, and concession and restroom areas, according to Carbone. The Bobcats' current field across from the Convocation Center seats 1,400.

An anonymous donor recently pledged \$250,000 to the stadium fund-raising effort that began a year ago. The university has committed \$337,000 to the project, Carbone said.

No timetable has been announced as to when construction would begin on the stadium. Carbone said it also is uncertain if the proposed new stadium will include lights for night games.



Rick Moon



Sandra Moon



Kim Moon

Three Moons become stars in opera and singing careers

There are a lot of stars to be found among the Moon family, a trio of siblings from Dayton who attended Ohio University and went on to establish successful careers in singing and voice training.

Brother **Rick**, BGS '82, and sister **Sandra**, BMUS '79, have vigorously pursued and conquered opera careers based in Columbus and Germany, respectively. Eldest sister **Kimberlie**, BMUS '74, MM '76, traveled a more academic route, earning a doctorate in voice and speech pathology at Ohio State University in 1984. She is known as the "voice doctor" in Tallahassee, Fla., where she treats singers' technical voice problems and maintains a singing career in concerts and solo performances.

Kim led the Moon charge to OU that eventually kept at least one member of the family in Athens for 12 years. She was encouraged to become a music major after her audition.

While directing an opera during her studies toward a master's degree, Kim cast younger sister Sandy, a freshman, in the production. Rick, the middle child, took a hiatus between high school and college before rounding out the Moon presence in the Ohio University School of Music.

Kim, 42, the mother of two sons, performs regularly in Florida with a repertoire ranging from baroque-era music to contemporary pieces. She was soloist in one of the initial performances of "Andy's Requiem" at an AIDS benefit concert last year; sang pieces from "Porgy and Bess" opposite William Warfield, the originator of the Porgy role; and performed in the Fauré Requiem with the Panama City Masterworks Chorale and Symphony.

The three Moons hope to perform in an opera or concert together someday. Rick and Sandy recently made a rare brother-sister appearance in "La Boheme" with Opera Columbus.

The differing career paths complement each other, says Kim. "I'm so proud of my brother and sister's accomplishments, and they are equally proud of mine. We just all work really well together."

Sandy's career pursuit has landed her as an artist in residence as a lyric soprano with the Karlsruhe Opera in Germany, among the top 15 houses in the former West Germany. The move to Europe has meant steady work and limited travel, both of which are of prime importance to Sandy, 37, a new mother who is lucky enough to work in the same theater as her husband.

Europe provides more opera singing opportunities because there are so many more opera houses there, says Ira Zook, associate professor of voice, who was the voice teacher for all three Moons at OU.

A Treigle-Corbett Opera Scholarship helped Sandy earn a master's degree from the Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. After apprenticeships in Santa Fe and with the Chicago Lyric Opera — which provided the opportunity to sing with Plácido Domingo — Sandy went to Germany eight years ago.

Her repertoire includes the role of Pamina in Mozart's "The Magic Flute" with the Karlsruhe Opera, Stadttheater Aachen and New York City Opera; several runs as Musetta in Puccini's "La Boheme"; performances in such operas as Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier" and Donizetti's "Don Pasquale"; several Handel operas, and a role as a featured singer on a commercially released CD of arias from an International Handel Festival. A recording of her performance with the Bavarian Radio Symphony in Bach's "St. John Passion" is scheduled for release this year.

Despite her steady work and solid reputation, Sandy continues to face stiff competition in her field. She tries to travel to New York for auditions every spring, and eventually would like to move back to the United States.

"I like America better, but I like the work here better," she says. "You can't ever sit back and think, 'Oh well, I've made it,' no matter what career boost comes your way."

Rick would agree. He struggled for years after graduation from OU to develop a career as a baritone. A husband and father of one son, Rick, 41, found he was spending a lot of money on his career, but not earning enough to balance it out. He considered leaving opera, then decided to become a tenor. The change has made all the difference.

Rick essentially is self-taught in the tenor repertoire, having spent a solid year beginning in late 1989 reading, listening to recordings and practicing for hours every day.

"It took a year before I started getting leading roles. They've been coming in ever since," Rick says.

A highlight: his 1993 performance in Puccini's "Il Tabarro" under the direction of composer Gian-Carlo Menotti at the Spoleto Festival in Italy. Other performances include the role of Pinkerton in Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" with the New York City Opera, guest artist in the Enrico Caruso International Voice Competition concert in Carnegie Hall, operas in such cities as Detroit, Miami and Cincinnati, and several stints as Rodolfo in "La Boheme," including his performance with Sandy in Columbus. He appears in "Tiefeland" at the Kennedy Center through mid-April, and his next scheduled role is in "Tosca" with the Shreveport (La) Opera in October.

Because of the few singer-in-residence opportunities in the United States, Rick contracts out for every performance. He estimates he is on the road for six or seven months each year, devoting six or seven weeks to each opera.

Professor Zook recalls vividly his years teaching the three Moon siblings, and says they are a rarity for their talent and their success in a highly competitive field.

"It's rather a phenomenon to have three kids from one family go into singing," Zook says, "and then to have two of them have opera careers, and to appear in the same opera, is quite unusual."

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1995 Alumni Travel Program

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Greece, Turkey and the Black Sea	Inn-to-Inn Bicycle Tour in Vermont
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Fourteen-day cruise aboard the Cunard Princess departs June 4, priced from \$2,995. The leisurely cruise will take in the most spectacular waters in the world and some of the best ports of call in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, including Athens and Katakolon, Greece; Venice, Italy; Odessa, Ukraine; Yalta, Crimea; and Istanbul, Turkey. Make more of your vacation and stay an extra three nights in Athens for \$299.	Departs Aug. 6, a week-long trip priced at \$720. The Middlebury/Otter Creek Valley will be the site of the tour. Bike Vermont, which will conduct the trip, is one of the oldest bicycle touring companies in the country. The tour is designed to encourage varying skills and interests of riders. Groups are never larger than 20. You can ride with others or ride alone and enjoy the quiet countryside and covered bridges. The inns are picked carefully for their friendliness and warmth. The food is as different as the architecture. Trip will include visits to Vermont's finest inns, the New Haven River Gorge, and the eastern shore of Lake Champlain. The tour begins with two nights at the Swift House Inn, former mansion of Gov. John W. Stewart and now one of Vermont's finest inns. The week also will include a ride north to Bristol with an optional visit to the exciting New Haven River Gorge, a trip through Castleton and along the Otter Creek to Proctor, home of the Vermont Marble Museum and Gift Shop, and an evening at the Churchill House Inn, situated at the edge of the Green Mountain Forest.
	Runs from Sept. 17 to Sept. 30, priced from \$2,095. Two fabulous weeks touring picturesque New England and Canada. Stops include Portland, Saint John, Halifax, Charlottetown, Fredericton, Quebec City, Montreal, and the Canadian Maritime Provinces.

The day ou closed its doors

By Emily Caldwell

This spring marks the 25th anniversary of what is perhaps the most dramatic Ohio University closure in memory, when intense and destructive student protests against ROTC and U.S. involvement in Vietnam and Cambodia forced the academic year to end on May 15.

The closure meant no commencement, no celebration, no emotional resolution to the conflict. The university secured all buildings and allowed only employees on campus. Within 24 hours of the closing, most students had left Athens.

As the Class of 1970 and others reflect on that turbulent spring, it also serves as a reminder of other times the Athens campus has closed unexpectedly, though not quite as dramatically.

The 1970 cancellation of classes was hardly unprecedented. The campus has closed for periods ranging from a few hours to three years in its 191-year history. While weather hasn't always been kind to those trying to safely run a university, other elements — illness, financial troubles, strikes and political unrest — have wreaked far greater havoc on Ohio University's class schedules.

The canceled commencement in 1970 left a permanent mark in OU's collective memory, as did the rioting, the tear gas and the National Guard presence that reflected the tempestuous times. The school reopened for summer quarter on June 26.

"It is sad indeed that this inspiring period in the history of Ohio University must end in such an unfortunate way," then-President Claude R. Sowle said in a radio message after making the overnight decision to call in the National Guard and close campus. "The result, however, in no way detracts



Photo courtesy of Alden Library Archives

A soldier stands guard at the campus gate in May 1970.

from the magnificent efforts of the great majority of our faculty, students and staff to keep the university open. We tried, but we failed."

Most recently, it was two feet of snow and temperatures dropping to 26 below that closed the campus for four days during the week of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in January 1994.

During that closure, only essential services operated on campus. Many students who had left campus for the long holiday weekend didn't return until it was safe to travel, days after the initial storm. Later in the quarter, the emergency resulted in four Saturdays of make-up classes.

And it was inclement weather that closed campus doors for one day in February 1985. Blizzards of the late 1970s also caused periodic closures, though none as long as the one last January.

When then-Gov. James Rhodes declared a snow holiday for state employees Jan. 20, 1978, OU also took a holiday. In that storm, 26 inches of snow fell in Athens. The university closed for a day under similar circumstances a year earlier. Rhodes declared an emergency to give employees time to get home safely before an expected blizzard on Friday, Jan. 28, 1977, but the storm never materialized in Southeastern Ohio.

In March 1967, the university unexpectedly moved up spring break by two weeks when a non-academic employees' strike seriously disrupted campus operations. By the time students returned to campus from their early one-week vacation, Ohio University had become the first college in the state to have a union.



Photos: John Decker

A maintenance worker clears a College Green sidewalk after two feet of snow closed the campus for a week in January 1994 (see related photo below).

It was the weather again in 1950. During a one-week closure similar to the one in January 1994, the university encouraged students not to return from the Thanksgiving holiday after a record snowfall paralyzed Southeastern Ohio.

According to former History Professor Thomas N. Hoover's *The History of Ohio University*, women students were sent home for six weeks in October 1918 to prevent spread of the Spanish influenza virus. Numerous men left on campus were stricken by the virus and sent to the hospital at Camp Sherman near Chillicothe.

Illness actually closed the university in the winter of 1834-35. An epidemic of scarlet fever struck the area, killing six children in Athens, striking three college students and confining a professor to his home for 10 days. The university closed for the quarter a month early.

The longest Ohio University closure had to do with the fiscal — not physical — health of the campus. After the August 1845 commencement, trustees discontinued university operations for three years. They promised faculty would resume their jobs after the planned closure and continued operation of a preparatory school.

The trustees were responding to a large debt, the vacant presidency and "no hope of remedying either handicap," Hoover wrote. President William McGuffey had resigned after the state refused to help expand the university's income.

The campus reopened in August 1848 to an enrollment of 49 and tuition of \$10 per term.

When an economic crisis gripped the state in the 1870s, the solvency of state schools was threatened by declining enrollment, but Ohio University weathered that financial storm. Miami University wasn't so fortunate, closing for 12 years.

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books

Alumni authors

Monomoy Theatre takes center stage in new volume

Those alumni who have never had the opportunity to take in a play at the university's Monomoy Theatre on Cape Cod can now experience the historic venue in book form.

A History of the Monomoy Theatre, an 86-page softcover chronicle of the nearly 60-year-old playhouse and the university's involvement in the summer theater, was written by **Robert Hannan Davis, MFA '84**, and recently published by the College of Fine Arts. Maggi Channell, BSJ '73, MA '80, edited the book, and Brannon Graphics of Athens completed the design. The book was funded by a campus 1804 Fund grant.

Davis says his research for the book began more than 10 years ago when he spent two consecutive summers in Chatham, Mass., as a student member of the Ohio University Players at Monomoy. He has returned to Monomoy four times as a guest actor and director. Davis and his wife Annmarie Kelly Davis, MFA '84, were engaged to be married while appearing as Monomoy guest artists in 1984.

"It was a wonderful time in my life (as a student actor), and certainly the memory of those days has been my prime inspiration in writing this book," said Davis, who now joins his wife as two-thirds of the faculty in Louisiana State University's MFA actor training program. John Dennis, MFA '71, is director of the program.

The Ohio University Players is a summer company of 25 to 30 student actors-residents, mostly from Ohio University. Students also help with maintenance of the three-acre site, as well as wait on tables and sell tickets—whatever needs to be done at the theater. Today, the theater consistently plays to packed houses and is a cultural staple for Cape Cod.

Davis' book traces Monomoy's history from the origin of its buildings in the mid-19th century to its current life as a training laboratory for young theater artists from OU and other schools. The book also serves as a historical reminder of Chatham and Cape Cod, the theatrical heyday of the 1940s and '50s on the Cape with Henry Fonda, Helen Hayes and Humphrey Bogart, and the charm of American theater.

Davis estimates that more than 500 Ohio University alumni have been associated with the Monomoy Theatre over the past 36 years, and many more from the Massachusetts Alumni Chapter also have lent support.

Monomoy is a legacy of Elizabeth Baker, a theater enthusiast and late wife of former Ohio University President John Baker. She created the summer training ground for students by purchas-

ing what had been a closed playhouse in 1957. She leased the property to the university at a minimal cost. Eleanor Steindler, John and Elizabeth Baker's daughter, currently owns the theater.

The Massachusetts Alumni Chapter began a scholarship in Elizabeth Baker's name in 1976 to recognize her contributions to Monomoy, the university and the arts. The scholarship is awarded each year to a student at Monomoy who is continuing his or her studies at Ohio University in the next academic year.

One chapter of the book is devoted to the memory of Christopher Lane, who directed more than 100 plays in 26 years as an Ohio University faculty member and founded the Ohio Valley Summer Theater in Athens. The long-time director of OU's School of Theater, Lane became Monomoy's first director, opening in June 1958 with "Two Blind Mice." According to Davis, it was Lane who established the winning formula for running the Monomoy Theatre: Hold auditions at Ohio University each spring, and then stage eight plays that would challenge his company, offer variety to the audience, and yet not overwhelm the production staff. Christopher and Charlotte Lane served as directors of Monomoy until 1979.

Alan Rust, MFA '73, has run the theater with the help of his wife, Jan, since then, expanding the schedule to include musical theater and performances by the Monomoy Chamber Ensemble. As artistic director, Alan Rust has continued Lane's practice of inviting students from several schools to join the Ohio University Players each summer at Monomoy. Among the schools represented have been the University of Washington, the Denver Theatre Center, Duke University, and the North Carolina School of the Arts. Rust was awarded the Alumni Association's highest honor, the Medal of Merit, in 1991.

The Rusts and Lanes are just two of the many actors, directors, costume designers and ticket managers featured in *A History of the Monomoy Theatre*, a book that will touch the lives of artists and theater buffs in both Athens and the Cape.

The book is available for \$14.97, plus \$3 shipping and handling, by sending a check to the Ohio University College of Fine Arts, Jennings House, Athens, Ohio 45701. Only checks will be accepted, and they should be made out to Ohio University (see order form on the back page of this issue).



A drawing of Monomoy Theatre from the book, reproduced with permission of the author

Other recent books by Ohio University alumni include:

● **River of Sky (\$21.95, hardcover)** is the 20th novel by **Karan Kurtz Harper, BA '67**. Harper's latest historical saga focuses on the turbulent American frontier and the tale of a young widow seeking to forge a new life.

● **In the Footsteps of a Flying Boat is Arthur Horning's, BSCOM '41, (\$13.75 hardback, Carlton Press) memoir of World War II, during which he served as bombardier-navigator in the Air Force. Horning tells the story of how he bailed out of a disabled aircraft and ended up in German-controlled Holland in 1943, then was befriended and hidden by the French underground.**

● **C.S. Lewis in Context (\$28, Kent State University Press)** is a study of the popular 20th century fiction writer by **Doris T. Myers, MA '56**. Myers is a professor of English at the University of Northern Colorado, and the author of the textbook *Understanding Language* and numerous articles on C.S. Lewis, science fiction and linguistics.

● **Donald L. Parman, MA '63**, a professor of history at Purdue University, evaluates the respect of Native Americans in the West as the century comes to a close in the book *Indians and the American West in the Twentieth Century* (\$29.95 cloth, \$12.95 paper). Parman examines the Native Americans' struggle to hold on to their land, their resources, and their identity.

● **Damon W. Stakes, BSED '69, MA '70**, associate professor of history and political science at Cuyahoga Community College, has written *Cleveland Rocks: A Bicentennial Political and Social History of Cleveland* (\$12.95, York Publishing). It corresponds with the 200th anniversary of the founding of the city of Cleveland in 1966.

● **Paul B. Thornton, BGS '71**, has written *The Answers Are on the Office Wall* (\$14.95, Gray Media/Monochrome Press) on what it takes to be successful in today's competitive business environment. Thornton shows how to apply the concepts of change, continuous improvement and lifelong learning. He is manager of personnel and administration for the Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corp. in Windsor Locks, Conn.

Editor's note: *Ohio University Today* selects only general-interest books for this column. Other books by alumni authors are listed as class notes. Submissions should include a book's cost, publisher and phone number and be mailed to: *Ohio University Today*, 164 Scott Quad, Athens, Ohio 45701.

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1940s

Charles Zelmer, BSCE '41, and **Edme Zimmerman, BSCE '41**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently in Falls Church, Va. Edna was supervisor of the University Service Bureau in 1942-43.

Edwin Darby, BSJ '42, retired from the *Chicago Sun-Timer* after 16 years at the newspaper, during which he was financial editor, and later a columnist and commentator.

Dora Funari Kennedy, AB '42, is recognized in the publication *Women of Achievement in Prince George's (Va.) County History* for her 40 years as an educator. She became a volunteer adjunct professor in foreign language education at the University of Maryland-College Park after her retirement from the Prince George's County school system in 1991.

Cruse W. Moss, BSJ '48, **LDL '55**, chief executive officer of Fibre Corporation, a subsidiary of General Automotive Corporation, is negotiating with Mexico's De Anhuabe to create a transit bus manufacturing alliance.

Robert E. Pifer, BSJ '48, retired after 45 years in the newspaper business. He most recently was the publisher of the *Sandwich Register* since 1974.

1950s

John Mitovich, BSJ '51, president of Sassa West in Albuquerque, N.M., had his biographical sketch included in the 40th edition of *Who's Who in America*.

R. Budd Werner, BSCEM '53, was elected senior vice president, planning and development, of NIX Corp., a major vehicle tools and equipment manufacturer in Muskegon, Mich.

Rev. Samuel H. Caldwell, BFA '56, retired Dec. 1 from the full-time ordained ministry, including the past 11 years as rector of St. Bart's Episcopal Church in Carnton City, Nev. He served a combined seven-year term on the Diocesan Council/ Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada and served as a chaplain for both houses of the Nevada Legislature. He plans to continue voluntarily serving area churches.

Warren W. Worthley, BSME '57, was among 11 members of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers to be inducted into its 1994 College of Fellows. He is president of Technical Services of Southwestern Florida Inc., Punta Gorda, Fla., a consulting firm for developing manufacturing programs for colleges and universities.

Carolyn Fell McCoy, BSJ '58, received an honorary doctorate from Cincinnati State Technical and Community College in recognition of her dedication to improving the community. McCoy is an assistant vice president and foundation officer at Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati.

John A. Lent, BSJ '58, **MS '60**, managing editor of *McGraw-Hill International Career Magazine*, has authored or edited more than 40 books and hundreds of articles after 10 years of studying comics as a part of mass communications. He most recently compiled comprehensive international bibliographies on comic art.

Donald W. Greenlee, BSIT '59, was named to the newly formed Regional Advisory Board of Visa Bank in Cincinnati. He is a co-founder, president and chief executive officer of Circle Plastics Products, Inc., an injection molding and processing plant.

Susan Anderson Kline, AB '59, senior associate dean for student affairs at New York Medical College in Valhalla, is appointed interim dean of the medical school and vice president for medical affairs.

Ronald E. Stewart, AB '59, **MD '62**, retired as a guidance counselor at Bellefontaine High School after 13 years in the school system. He also retired from the Logan County Board of Elections and as chairman of the Logan County Republican Executive Committee.

1960s

Dick Feagler, AB '60, was inducted into the Press Club of Cleveland as a Journalism Hall of Fame. Feagler currently is a columnist for *The Plain Dealer* in Cleveland and hosts a weekly half-hour talk show on WUWS-TV in Cleveland.

David L. Burner, BSCEM '62, is the executive vice president of B.F. Goodrich in Akron, and president/chief operating officer of Goodrich Aerospace.

James L. Yocum, AB '62, **MBA '70**, is associate director of the Center for Continuing Education at Marian University Energy Systems in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Gayle Lauth, BSCE '63, was inducted into the Ohio Northern University Athletic Hall of Fame. Lauth is chair of the health and physical education department at ONU, head women's administrator and assistant athletic director. She joined the ONU staff as an instructor and softball coach in 1969 and remained in both positions. She coached the women's basketball team for 30 years.

Edward Malkowicz, MA '63, was named to the seven-member Board of Directors. The company produces high-pressure liquid pumps and gasometers for commercial, aerospace and military use. He also teaches business courses at Berea College, Community College and Fullerton College in Southern California.

Donald Wohlde, BSCE '63, **ME '65**, retired as principal of Hayes Tech High School in Columbus, where he had been principal since 1968.

Brent Bell, BSCE '64, was inducted into the Mid-State League Hall of Fame. Bell is the head golf and wrestling coach at Circleville High School.

David Grubbs, BA '64, is the sixth president of the Congregational Bible College and Seminary. He has served as a missionary and superintendent of village schools in New Zealand and as medical superintendent at hospitals in Zimbabwe.

Kathryn Ann Vester Rogers, BSCE '64, **ME '66**, is a professor of strategy and director of strategic studies at Cedarville College. She lives in Xenia.

Nicholas D. Sylvester III, BSCE '64, is vice president for research and university development at the University of Akron, where he also has served as a professor of chemical engineering and dean of the College of Engineering.

Peter G. Diamond, BBA '65, has joined search consultants Korn/Ferry International in Dallas, where he is responsible for senior level executive searches in the high technology field.

Dan D. Edie, BSCE '65, is Dow Chemical professor of engineering and head of the Department of Chemical Engineering at Clemson University in Clemson, S.C. He received the George Griffin Lectureship Award from the American Carbon Society in 1991 for his contributions to carbon science and engineering.

John B. Holden Jr., AB '65, is a partner in the law firm Hughes & Lane in Dallas. He represents domestic and international clients.

Jan Miller, BSJ '65, was elected president of the Association of Company-Society Executives of the American Dental Association. Miller is executive director of the Isaac Knapf District Dental Society in Indiana.

Paul R. Leonard Jr., BSJ '65, is vice chairman of the Ohio University Board of Trustees, and recently was named president and executive director of the economic division of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Daniels, BFA '66, has opened Glenhurst, a Semtech company in Rockbridge in Hooking County.

Gerald V. Flannery, PhD '66, had a new book, *Communities of the FCC: 1970-1990*, published by University Press of America. Flannery, a professor at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, has published two other books.

Steven L. Johnson, BSCE '66, is the new superintendent of the Triad Local Schools in North Lewburg. He previously was superintendent of Northern Local Schools in Perry County.

Jacob J. Killian, AB '66, is a registered medical assistant, a nationally certified phlebologist and a registered X-ray technician at Cape Canaveral Hospital and Health Plan in Florida. He lives in Melbourne.

Steven C. Levitt, BBA '66, joined the law firm of Fox, Rothschild, O'Brien & Frankel in Lawrenceville, Ga., as a partner in its corporate and tax and estates departments.

Susan Tills Phillips, BFA '66, has published her eighth novel, *Home, Texas*. Writing as Susan Elizabeth Phillips, she is a *New York Times* best-selling author and contributor to *Lanternet Men and Adventure* magazines. *Romance Writers on the Appell of the Romantic*, published by the University of Tennessee Press.

Ann E. Hall, AB '67, was chosen to participate in the Leaders Program, a national leadership training program for college women administrators. Hall is a counselor at Sinclair Community College.

Mike Johnson, BSJ '67, was elected vice chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers Public Relations Council. He is director of communications for the Timken Co. in Canton.

Urma Maiss, BSCE '67, has joined the staff of Shawnee State University's Educational Talent Search Office, a program that encourages students to pursue a post-secondary education. She most recently served as assistant principal at Northwest High School.

Edward McGone, PhD '67, director of continuing education at Emporia State University in Kansas, also has assumed the responsibilities of the director of assessment.

James Ragan, MA '67, **PHD '71**, director of the Master of Professional Writing Program at the University of Southern California-Los Angeles, gave three readings of his poetry at the 1994 International PEN Congress in Prague, Czech Republic. Ragan and seven USC students also participated in the Prague Summer Writers' Workshop.

Marilyn Mulzer Robbert, MA '67, has been named registrar at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Robbert joined the NMMU faculty in 1967 and was named assistant registrar in 1980.

Robert D. Walter, BSME '67, was elected to the board of directors of Weatherhouse Electric Corp. of Jacksonville. Walter is chairman and chief executive of Cardinal Health Inc., of Dublin.

Michael R. Becker, AB '68, was ranked among the best lawyers in the country in a nationwide survey conducted by Woodward/White, Inc., publishers of *The Best Lawyers in America* directory, 1994-95 edition. Becker is a partner with Hahn Loeser & Park in Columbus.

Alumni chapter news

Colorado

More than 100 people watched the OU-Miami football game at the Zang Brewing Co. for the **Colorado Chapters' "Homecoming Away From Home"** Oct. 1. The event was organized by Tom Edrington '90.

District of Columbia

On Oct. 13, the **National's Capital Chapter** arranged a happy hour party at the Grand Slam Restaurant to watch the Cleveland Browns play the Houston Oilers. Eighty people welcomed President Robert Gladden and other university representatives to the Gaumert Co. Building Nov. 1. More than 40 alumni gathered at the Grand Slam to watch the basketball 80s on Jan. 10. The chapter held another successful happy hour at the Paninsky Restaurant in Arlington, Va., Jan. 16.

Florida

In lieu of the Harvest Dinner, the **Fl. Myers/Southwest Florida Chapter** held a Harvest Luncheon Nov. 14 at the Forest Country Club. Gladden met with chapter members for the first time at the event organized by Reilly Smith '89 and Don DeMeco '89. A Dec. 2 evening reception was sponsored by the **Clearwater Tampa Gulfcoast Chapter**. More than 100 alumni gathered for a luncheon at which they gathered for a personalized message from President Gladden. The evening was coordinated by Robert Ruppel '90. Nearly 40 alumni gathered for an **Orlando Chapter** reception to welcome the Gladden Dec. 1. Chapter coordinator Ellen Shipman '88 introduced the president and assisted in laying groundwork to reorganize the area's chapter. On Dec. 1, the **Sarasota Sarasota Chapter** hosted Dr. Mrs. Gladden at a luncheon on the last of their Florida visits. About 90 alumni turned out for a cocktail hour at the Field Club sponsored by the College of Business Administration. The event was coordinated by Leona Hughes '90 and Dick Creps '84.

Georgia

The Atlanta Botanical Garden was the site for Gladden's Nov. 30 visit to the **Atlanta Chapter** and the **African-American Atlanta Chapter**. Many Morris '84, Cindy Renner '93 and Fred Renner '93 assisted the event.

Illinois

Members and friends of the **Chicago Chapter** gathered at The Club on Dec. 1 for a social gathering. The event was organized by Kim Busko-Greer '83 and Mark Lowell '93.

Indiana

Reorganization and a new group of officers started the agenda for the **Central Indiana Chapter's** steering committee meeting Sept. 4. A few weeks later, a pregame social entertained alumni and fans at the **OU-Ball State football game** on Oct. 14. A group of 160 alumni gathered to watch the NBA Indianapolis Pacers play the Philadelphia 76ers. This pregame was held at the Legacy Regale Pub and was organized by Mark Helmus '83 and Kelly Reddy '84.

Missouri

St. Louis Alumni Chapter members gathered at the home of Will and Patricia Lee Konitzer Oct. 1 for a social gathering. The chapter members mailed care packages to students from the St. Louis area during final exam week in November.

New York/New Jersey/Connecticut Chapter's Annual Picnic Sept. 11 at Van Nuys Park in Nyman, N.J. The event was arranged by Mike Prater '89 and Donna DeMeco '89. On Dec. 4, 70 members went to the Big Apple for an annual holiday party in Manhattan, organized by Dan Wolford '93 '90.

North Carolina

Members of the **Charlotte Chapter** gathered at the Scoreboard Restaurant-Bar to watch the OU-Xavier basketball game Dec. 17 on ESPN. The event was organized by the newly elected chapter President Lita Perry '93.

Ohio

The **Akron Association of Ohio University Women** held its annual tea at Pearl Strub's, 43 home. The 30 attendees watched an "OU Ears" video updating current events on the Athens campus. The event was organized by Marilyn Nagle '86. On Nov. 1, the chapter heard the second installment of Joe Bond's speech about her trip to China. On Dec. 1, the chapter heard a Christmas luncheon at the Cuyahoga Falls High School's award-winning Mr. & Ms. seniors performed. On Jan. 1, all members of the Akron Association of OU Women visited Ball-Rugger '93. A chapter bus trip took alumni to the Moscow Circus.

Greater Cincinnati Chapter members added to the holiday atmosphere at the **Athens Chapter's** Annual Holiday Open House Dec. 1. Canned food goods were collected for the Southeastern Food Bank. Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Judith Johnson organized the event, which attracted 100 people.

The **Central Ohio Chapter** organized a bus trip for February Weekend Jan. 10 to alumni in the area. The annual **OU-Miami football** pregame event was held at the Germania Club Oct. 1. The event was organized by Ball-Rugger '93. A chapter bus trip took alumni to the Homecoming Game Oct. 13. Nearly 200 OU fans gathered in downtown Columbus at Darmon to watch the Bobcats beat Ohio State in the Preseason NIT Nov. 16. On Nov. 29, alumni and their families went to see "Seaside Street Love" at the McCorkle Center. The event, 300 alumni enjoyed a chapter Dec. 1 before Ball-Rugger's presentation of "The Nutcracker" in an activity organized by Jan. 14 and Becky Fowler '81. The chapter organized a bus trip for February Weekend Jan. 10, the trip was planned by Sheila '89 and Andy Koch '80. Events for Ohio Alumni came to Athens for Feb. 1 to watch the OU-Miami basketball game. The trip was planned by Ball-Rugger '93 and Mark Mac '92. The **Greater Cincinnati Chapter** welcomed the Bobcat basketball team to its city on Oct. 1. The chapter members in a non-conference game. The pregame was organized by the chapter in conjunction with the **Greater Dayton Chapter**, brought out 400



Marilyn Robbert,
MA '67



David W. Diggle,
BSEE '68, PHD '94



Salvatore D. Rinella,
AB '69



Robert H. Blessing,
PHD '71



Samuel L. Dameron,
AB '73

David W. Diggle, BSEE '68, PHD '94, is a research scientist at the Avionics Engineering Center in the Russ College of Engineering and Technology at Ohio University. He received the 1994 Jackson Award from Radio Technical Requirements and Technical Concepts for Aviation Inc. for his doctoral dissertation on automated landings using the Global Positioning System.

James M. McVicker, BBA '68, was named corporate senior vice president of Mercantile Stores Co. in Cincinnati. He will continue to serve as Mercantile's chief financial officer.

Col. Steven F. Rausch, BSJ '68, received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his service as director of the Joint Information Bureau for U.S. Army forces in Mogadishu, Somalia in 1993. Last summer, he was appointed deputy chief of public affairs at the Department of the Army headquarters, where he gives public affairs advice and assistance to the secretary and the chief of staff of the Army. He also formulates media strategies on issues of Army-wide impact.

Ronald L. Stepanik, BSED '68, is director of juvenile justice services at the Eckerd Family Youth Alternatives in Florida and is a consultant for the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

Diana Walters, BFA '68, MFA '70, is a voice instructor at Grove City and Westminster colleges in Pennsylvania. She sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America" at the NCAA Football Coaches Conference in Dallas in January.

James Mitchell Brown, BSJ '69, a partner at Brown and Margolius in Cleveland, was a guest speaker at the Religious Action Center's summer conference in Washington, D.C. He also was elected to the board of Jobs with Justice, a Cleveland campaign for workers' rights, and was elected secretary of the Past Presidents' Council of the National Organization of Social Security Claimants' Representatives.

Cheri Fichow Dunlap, AB '69, formerly an assistant principal at Reynoldsburg High School, is principal of Lancaster High School.

Navy Capt. William L. Gianfagno, AB '69, recently returned from duty off the coast of Haiti with the commander of the U.S. Second Fleet aboard the command ship USS Mount Whitney, homeported in Norfolk, Va. He joined the Navy in 1969.

Frances P. McNiece, PHD '69, was promoted to department head of guidance and counseling at Southwest Missouri State University.

Sal D. Rinella, AB '69, is the seventh president of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn. Rinella previously served as vice president for administration at California State University, Fullerton.

Arthur W. Steller, BSED '69, MED '70, PHD '73, deputy superintendent for the Boston Public Schools and president of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, was named to the National Policy Board of Educational Administration. He also participated in a White House conference on "Character — Building for a Democratic, Civil Society."

Carol Towarnicky, AB '69, chief editorial writer of the *Philadelphia Daily News*, received a Pulliam Fellowship for Editorial Writing from the Society of Professional Journalists.

Deanna L. Tribe, BSHEC '69, MSHEC '70, was inducted into the 1994 Ohio Women's Hall of Fame. She is the education chair for the Southeastern Ohio Regional Council and chairs the Appalachian Task Force.

1970s

Susan Meredith Russ, BSJ '70, is vice president, corporate communications, of Risk and Insurance Services Corp. in Sarasota, Fla. She is responsible for the strategic development and implementation of all external and internal corporate communications programs.

Charles L. Scott, MSJ '70, is retiring as director of Ohio University's School of Visual Communication. A nationally known photography and graphics specialist, Scott co-founded the Institute of Visual Communication in 1978. He plans to continue working as a newspaper consultant in picture usage and editing and graphics management.

Mary-Blair Truesdale Valentine, BA '70, is program manager for the Army Health Promotion Program and the Army Communities of Excellence Program for the U.S. Army Materiel Command worldwide.

Virginia Geho Zoric, AB '70, MLS '87, is assistant dean of faculty at Franciscan University in Steubenville. She handles student academic problems, requests and appeals.

John L. Armstrong, BSED '71, was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. He is a professor of aerospace studies at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, where he also is commander of the Air Force ROTC detachment.

Robert H. Blessing, PHD '71, was a visiting professor in the Laboratory for Crystallography at the University of Nancy in France. He is a senior research scientist at the Medical Foundation of Buffalo Inc. in New York.

Andy Dolich, MED '71, was hired by the Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association as their president and chief operating officer. He previously worked as executive vice president of the Oakland Athletics.

Marvin Jones, BSJ '71, was promoted to publisher of *The Chillicothe Gazette*.

Robert Schefft, MBA '71, is vice president and manager of financial services for Kanaly Trust Co., an independent trust and financial planning firm based in Houston. He oversees financial counseling and estate and retirement planning.

Pamela Smith-Hood, BSED '71, is superintendent of the Champion Local School District in Trumbull County.

Jerry D. Bailey, AB '72, is the assistant to management in Texaco's executive offices in Harrison, N.Y. Bailey joined Texaco in 1990 as a senior tax attorney.

Jerry L. Esselstein, BBA '72, was appointed to the state Accountancy Board. Esselstein is chief operating officer and treasurer for Bervagner Overmyer Associates, and is a former president of the Ohio Society of Public Accountants.

J. William Heise, BBA '72, was elected chief financial officer of Sun Television and Appliances, Inc., based in Columbus. He joined Sun TV from Victoria's Secret Catalogue, where he served as executive vice president for support services.

Rod Hollingsworth, BBA '72, was named executive director of the Muskingum Area Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services. He joined the board in 1977.

R. Steven Johnston, BSJ '72, oversees communications, media relations and advertising for Nationwide Insurance in Columbus as the head of the company's newly formed office of corporate communications and advertising.

Karen Mueller Moore, BA '72, a partner of the law firm Bricker & Eckler in Columbus, was appointed to the Demographics Committee of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, an international association of lawyers.

Richard A. Rudick, BS '72, medical director of the Mellen Center at the Cleveland Clinic, was named the 1994 College of Arts and Sciences Alumnus of the Year for his professional accomplishments, including research on treatment of multiple sclerosis patients.

Gwen Senerius, BFA '72, is director of seventh grade choir and handbells at Byrmedale Junior High School in Toledo.

John Bennett, BSC '73, was named president of the Association of the Ohio Health Commissioners. Bennett has been health commissioner at the Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department for nearly 10 years.

Samuel L. Dameron, AB '73, professor of criminal justice at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., is chair of the university's Criminal Justice Department.

Mark Drumheuer, BBA '73, is vice president of sales and marketing for Donnelly Corp.'s Modular Window Systems Business group in Holland, Mich. He directs the company's sales and marketing of automotive modular window systems.

James S. Gentile, AB '73, was elected president of Mahoning-Trumbull Counties Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Herbert H. Howard, PHD '73, professor and associate dean of the College of Communications at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, co-authored a college-level textbook on broadcast programming titled *Radio, TV and Cable Programming*.

Debra Wiener Strekal, BFA '73, is executive director of the Heights Youth Center in Cleveland. The center deals with sociological needs of school-aged children in after-school programs and assists in juvenile justice intervention programs.

Cmdr. John R. Eckelberry, AB '74, completed a two-year assignment as commanding officer of USS Ford, a Navy guided missile frigate based in Everett, Wash., and received the Meritorious Service Medal. His new assignment is director and senior instructor of the Anti-Submarine Department of Tactical Training Group Atlantic in Virginia Beach, Va.

Gary S. Maier, AB '74, MA '80, was promoted to managing director at Ponder Parsons & Wilkinson, a California-based corporate and investor relations firm.

William P. McGreehan, BBA '74, is relationship manager for trust-employee benefits at National City Bank in Cleveland, where he is responsible for developing and enhancing client relationships.

Dennis Thompson, BSED '74 is the new superintendent of Scioto Valley schools in Chillicothe.

Linda Bonini, AB '75, MA '75, was transferred to Nationwide Insurance's corporate home office in Columbus to work on a long-range reorganization plan for the company. She joined Nationwide in 1980.

Donna Brink Fox, MM '75, was awarded the Achievement in Music Award from the Ohio University School of Music for her accomplishments in the field of early childhood music. She chaired the Music Educator's National Conference's Early Childhood Special Research Interest Group from 1988 to 1992. Fox has presented more than 65 workshops worldwide.

Alumni chapter news (continued)

alumni and friends, there were 528 alumni at the game. The event was organized by Barni '88 and Matt Simpson '87. In one of the largest chapter pregame events ever, nearly 400 alumni gathered at Skipper's, and more than 800 tickets were sold for the OU-Miami basketball game in Oxford. Scott Kirschman '85 coordinated the event. Bus loads of little brothers and sisters left Cincinnati en route to Athens Jan. 27 for Siblings Weekend, thanks to coordination by Elsie Grebe '68 and Bob Culbertson '78 '83.

A **Greater Cleveland Chapter** event titled "Masks, Hats and Bobcats" brought the Halloween spirit to Northeast Ohio in a get-together at Phrogg's Oct. 27. Hundreds of alumni attended the event coordinated by Linda Short '88. On Nov. 19, the chapter joined the **Akron/Canton and Youngstown/Warren chapters** in a pregame event before the OU-Akron football game. The second annual Career/Networking Night brought together 200 OU students and 40 employers Nov. 29 at the Holiday Inn in Independence. The event was organized by Patty '90 and Jim Pae '90.

Dan Salvini '83 helped organize a community service project supported by Cleveland alumni with the 14th Annual Rainbow Fun Run benefiting Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. The involvement of OU alumni was featured on radio and television, and in the print media. On Jan. 12, nearly 100 alumni and friends welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Glidden to Cleveland in a special reception held on the 33rd floor of the Society Building. Chapter President Steve Turtle '80 organized the event.

Dean of Students Joel Rudy spoke to the **OU Parents Club of Cleveland** Sept. 27. His topic focused on the OU students of today and their adjustment to college life. On Oct. 27, members gathered for a panel discussion by a diverse group of alumni. The club presented a check for \$6,046 to the university for its scholarship fund.

On Nov. 5, the **OU Women's Club of Greater Cleveland** held a luncheon at the Rutz Carlton. Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, spoke on women's health issues to 40 people in attendance. On Jan. 27, the chapter organized several buses to travel to campus for OU's 30th annual Siblings Weekend. Organizers were Kate Cornella and Hilary Anderson '66.

On Nov. 9, the **Greater Dayton Chapter** welcomed 80 alumni and the Gliddens to its annual fall dinner at the Mandalay Banquet Center. The event was organized by Karen Emery '84. At Flanagan's Pub downtown, 80 alumni huddled to watch the OU-Western Michigan basketball game on TV Jan. 24. The event was organized by Kevin Bressler '82 '84. Many siblings caught a ride to campus on the buses provided by the Greater Dayton Chapter and coordinated by Harriette Springer and Ginny Welton '68.

The **Fairfield County Chapter** started the basketball season Nov. 16 by sponsoring a party at Damon's Restaurant in Lancaster to watch the Bobcats soundly defeat Ohio State. The event was organized by Rita Tate '75. On Jan. 14, more than 60 alumni journeyed to the Convocation Center to watch the men's and women's teams defeat Bowling Green. Jeff Brelun '81 planned the event.

The **Heart of Ohio Mansfield Chapter** held its fourth annual alumni "Return to OU Night" dinner Nov. 2. Director of Admissions Kip Howard was the guest speaker, answering the question "What does it take to be a Bobcat these days?" The event was organized by Mark Arnold '81 '83 and Ann Beeman '81.

On Oct. 8, 65 members and friends of the **Greater Toledo Chapter** gathered before the OU-BGSU football game for a buffet lunch and a visit by the Bobcat cheerleaders. The event was organized by Earl Appar '66 '67. The chapter also held a reception for College of Education graduates and students Dec. 8. On Jan. 18, the chapter held a pregame mixer for the OU-Toledo men's basketball game. An estimated 115 alumni gathered at Rocky's, an area bar owned by an OU graduate. The chapter sponsored two buses which traveled to Siblings Weekend in late January. Brenda Haag '66 coordinated the trip.

On Oct. 22, an estimated 200 people from the **Youngstown/Warren Chapter** and **Akron and Cleveland chapters** gathered for a barbecue before the OU-Kent State football game. Many siblings took advantage of the ninth annual bus trip to Athens Jan. 27. The trip was coordinated by Linda (Saul) Weber '71 and Jan (Valicenti) Williams '73.

Pennsylvania

The reorganized **Mid-Atlantic/Philadelphia Chapter** arranged a happy hour at Ron Jaworski's The Legends Sports Bar Sept. 19.

The **Greater Pittsburgh Chapter** held the third in a series of happy hour parties Aug. 21 at Donzi's on the boardwalk. More than 110 area alumni gathered for a pregame event at The Arm in Oakland before the Bobcat-Pittsburgh football game. Stacy Ladley '90 coordinated the weekend. The chapter gathered for a Christmas brunch Dec. 4 with guest speaker Lon Savitch '78, a local television news anchor. And for the seventh year, the chapter sponsored a bus trip to campus for Siblings Weekend. The trip was coordinated by Beth Valicenti '71 and Christina Conrad '93.

Texas

Meg Thompson '74, along with some help from television via satellite, brought the Homecoming football game to Drew Pearson's Sports '88 Club, where **Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter** members and Miami alumni gathered.

Thirty-eight **Houston Chapter** alumni gathered for the "Homecoming Away From Home" tailgate party and to watch the football game via satellite Oct. 15 at the home of Polly Rucker's '46 daughter. Also, canned food goods and toys were collected for needy families. On Dec. 4, alumni gathered at Kathy Bush-Soule's '81 house for the chapter's Adopt an Angel Christmas workshop. Members wrapped donated gifts that were then given to underprivileged children in the area.

Japan

In a special international event, 25 **Japan Chapter** members and some distinguished guests from England and Malaysia gathered to present the Distinguished Service Award to Itaru Ohki '73. The award was presented June 28 by Ohio University Vice Provost Felix Gagliano. The chapter welcomed Glidden to Japan Oct. 9 at a dinner reception in the Rose Room of the prestigious Shiba Park Hotel in his first visit to an international chapter.



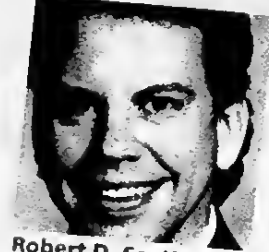
Ann Bartuska, MS '77



Stephen Catt, PHD '77



Edward Moulin, BBA '80, MBA '81



Robert D. Scott, BSCE '81



Michael Massa, BSC '82

Alan Frohlichstein, BFA '75, received the 1994 Fellow Member Award from the Society of Ophthalmic Medical Society in Chicago for his work in ophthalmic technology. His business, Retinal Angiography Services, is a free-lance ophthalmic photography processing and consulting service in Morton Grove, Ill.

Jackson Milhollan, AB '75, is president and chief executive officer of Precision Industries Inc. and Precision-Marshall Steel Co. in Washington, Pa. Precision-Marshall is a leading supplier of tool steels to distributors and end-users.

Mark M. Ruzic, BGS '75, vice partner at Central Insurors Agency and president of the American Croatian Business Association in Cleveland, serves on the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees.

George F. Dixon, AB '76, was appointed by President Clinton to the Policy Dialogue Advisory Committee to Develop Options for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Personal Motor Vehicles. He owns Lancer's Restaurant in Cleveland and is president of the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees.

Carol Hartman Mainenti, BSHEC '76, currently is employed as director of adolescent education for in-patient and day hospital programs at Chestnut Ridge Psychiatric Hospital in Morgantown, W.Va.

Farouk Umar Muhammed, BSC '76, MSJ '78, has been named by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries as head of the information section of the OPEC News Agency and information department. He formerly served as editor of the *Daily Times* of Nigeria, West Africa's largest circulating daily newspaper, and as general manager and executive director of administration for the Daily Times Publications Division.

Jacalyn Osborne-Heath, MED '76, PHD '81, was elected to the Fairfield County Foundation Board of Trustees. She is director of human resource services for Lancaster City Schools.

Michael Arloski, PHD '77, is president of the Colorado College Counselors Association. He works as a counseling psychologist at the University of Northern Colorado Counseling Center in Greeley.

Mary Beth Sofranec Bardin, BSJ '77, is vice president of public affairs for GTE Telephone Operations in Irving, Texas. She is responsible for internal and external communications and public affairs activities.

Ann Bartuska, MS '77, is director of Forest Pest Management in the Washington, D.C., office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forestry Service. She oversees coordination of forest health activities for the agency.

Stephen Catt, PHD '77, was named chair of the division of communication and theater arts at Emporia State University in Kansas.

Laura Nash, BFA '77, is vice president of creative services for Warner Bros. in Nashville.

David C. Wilhelm, AB '77, joined Kemper Securities as senior managing director, investment banking, in Chicago. Wilhelm stepped down as chair of the Democratic National Committee in November.

Marcie Thall Zeldin, BSHSS '77, and **Howard Zeldin, BBA '77**, have opened Texaco Xpress Lube, a fast-lube business in German Village in Columbus. It is the first Texaco operation in Ohio since the company pulled out of the gas business in the state in 1978.

Lauren Hess, BSED '78, was named director of the Wellston Public Library.

Thomas Poe, BGS '78, MLS '87, is senior vice president of the Belmont Savings Bank. He also is a member of the board of directors of the Bellaire Area Chamber of Commerce, treasurer of the Ohio University Eastern Alumni Association and a part-time instructor at Belmont Technical College.

Jerry H. Rodgers, BMUS '78, directs the woodwind choir and ensembles at Cedarville College after four years as a professor of woodwinds there. He also was a clarinet soloist for the U.S. Marine Band for 21 years and was a staff musician for Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., for two years.

Samuel Lucas, BSED '79, resigned as superintendent of the Bridgeport School District to become superintendent of the Barnesville School District in Eastern Ohio.

Bradd A. Moik, BSED '79, is elementary principal of Ada Schools in Northwest Ohio.

Barbara A. Moore, PHO '79, professor and acting head of the Department of Broadcasting at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, co-authored *Radio, TV and Cable Programming*, a college-level textbook on broadcast programming.

Richard A. Peoples, BBA '79, oversees plant operations, maintenance and new construction as vice president and treasurer of Washington State Community College in Marietta.

Francis W. Purmort III, BBA '79, is chairman of the board and president of Central Mutual Insurance Co. in Van Wert.

Galen Thompson Staats, BSCE '79, is a senior process engineer-environmental and utilities, at Huntsman Chemical Corp. in Pasadena, Texas. She lives in Houston.

Jack Thomas, BSC '79, a comedian, has performed on Showtime, Comedy Central, The Family Channel, and A&E's "An Evening at The Improv." He also presented a seminar on "Humor in Advocacy" for lawyers at the Funny Bone in Columbus.

1980s

William A. Foley, MBA '80, president and CEO of Lesco Inc., a turf care manufacturer in Cleveland, has been elected chairman of the board of the company.

Laura Gongos, BSJ '80, was named general manager of the Pittsburgh office of Burson-Marsteller, a marketing and communications firm. A 14-year veteran of the company, she previously was vice president. Gongos serves on the board of directors of the Pittsburgh Dance Council and the Pittsburgh chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. She recently was named to *Who's Who of American Women*.

Timothy D. Kelton, BGS '80, is president of Ruscilli Real Estate Services Inc. in Columbus. He is responsible for all real estate brokerage and development functions.

Thomas G. Kramer, BBA '80, received the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants Gold Medal and the Accountancy Board of Ohio's Charles Schmidt Award after earning the highest score in Ohio on the Certified Public Accountant Examination in May. He works at Kramer & Associates, Inc. in Fairborn.

Michael McGowan, BS '80, was named administrative director of laboratory services at Marietta Memorial Hospital. He had been chemistry supervisor since 1987.

Tim Mickelson, PHD '80, is president of Corometrics Medical Systems in Wallingford, Conn.

Virginia R. Shimrock, BBA '80, a certified public accountant and financial planner, is executive director of the Ohio Deferred Compensation Program.

Edward Moulin, BBA '80, MBA '81, is vice president-controller of Newell International, a marketer of Newell housewares and office supplies based in Rockford, Ill.

Frank W. Stanley, BSJ '80, is United States Consul to Nagoya, Japan. Stanley has been a U.S. Department of State foreign service officer since 1988. His previous assignments were in Bangkok and Tokyo.

James M. Aton, PHD '81, recently wrote a monograph, *John Wesley Powell*, published by the Boise State University Press. He is an associate professor of English at Southern Utah University. He lives in Cedar City, Utah.

Kerry Richard Dean, MED '81, is teaching at the Institute of Christian Studies in Niles. He also doing research and cost analysis to start a ministerial college in the Youngstown/Warren area.

David Hepler, BBA '81, received an Agency of Excellence Award from Travel Agents International for the TAI office he owns in Upper Arlington.

Brian Illes, BSC '81, is program director of WRXL-FM, a rock and roll station in Richmond, Va.

Paul S. Johnson, BSJ '81, of Washington Court House, has been promoted to director at ESPN. He directs remotes of college football, major league baseball and the College World Series.

Lynn H. Karlet, BSJ '81, MBA '82, has been named regional accounts manager for AT&T Capital Corp., a globally based, full-service finance company in Troy, Mich.

Pam Pepper, MFA '81, is chair of the Department of Theater, and has been promoted to associate professor and granted tenure at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

Denise Robert, BSJ '81, is president of Denise Robert/Public Relations, a New York City firm specializing in theater and entertainment marketing and publicity. She lives in Manhattan.

Terry Savarise, BBA '81, is senior vice president of the United Center, the new \$175 million arena that houses the Chicago Bulls and Blackhawks. Savarise also is vice president of operations for the Chicago White Sox.

Robert D. Scott, BSCE '81, recently wrote a monograph, *John Wesley Powell*, published by the Boise State University Press. He is an associate professor of English at Southern Utah University. He lives in Cedar City, Utah.

Samuel Sells, MED '81, PHD '84, is superintendent of the Wheelersburg Local School District. He previously was high school principal at the Fort Frye Local School District.

Geoff Sugerman, BSJ '81, directed the "Death With Dignity" campaign in support of Oregon's controversial right-to-die legislation.

Michael C. Vaughn, BSJ '81, is news manager, North American public affairs, for Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, Mich. He lives in Milford, Mich.

Jerry L. Yeatts, BSED '81, MED '82, has joined the Greater Cincinnati Convention and Visitors Bureau as sales research coordinator. He had been assistant director of auxiliary services at the University of Cincinnati.

James W. Zalenka, BBA '81, has received his Certified Financial Planner license. He is an American Express financial planner based in Denver.

Jeanine Kendle, BSJ '82, is editor of *The Holmes County Hub*. The newspaper has earned two general excellence awards and one community service award from the Buckeye Press Association, and Kendle received the Ohio State Bar Award in 1988 for best weekly newspaper coverage of community courts.

Constituent society notebook

The **Society of Alumni and Friends of the College of Education** will host its second annual Spring Conference on Friday, May 12 in McCracken Hall.

This event will provide undergraduate education majors the opportunity to explore current issues in the professional field of education. Alumni will host sessions on such topics as: interviewing skills, what administrators are looking for when they hire new teachers, portfolio development, for both interviews and classrooms, making the most of student teaching opportunities; and recent graduates discussing the "real world."

Alumni participation is encouraged. Interested individuals should contact the Society of Alumni and Friends at the College of Education, 614-593-4433.

Ten undergraduate education majors took advantage of the opportunity to visit St. Louis Public Schools in the late fall thanks to the hospitality of the St. Louis Alumni Chapter. Former College of Education Dean Allen Meyers and wife Jeanette, who now make their home in St. Louis, helped the chapter organize this event for the students.

All undergraduate education students are required to do a multicultural field experience for one week in a public school setting. Dr. Meyers arranged for the students to visit six St. Louis

schools the first three days of the week of Nov. 28 and spend the last two days at one of those schools for a more in-depth experience. The students' previous field experiences had been in the Athens County schools. The students also visited the famous St. Louis Arch and museum, the Science Center and public parks.

The College of Education and the St. Louis Chapter are working to create opportunities for additional students and alumni.

The College of Education is seeking nominations for new board of director members of the **Society of Alumni and Friends**. Members of the board serve a three-year term and are eligible for a second three-year term. The board seeks individuals who are highly motivated to serve the college both on and off campus. There are two on-campus meetings per year, one during Homecoming weekend and one in the spring, usually in May. Members are asked to host events in their geographical areas and be ambassadors for Ohio University whenever called upon. Those interested should contact the college's Office of Advancement for further information at 614-593-4433.

At the May 6 meeting of the **Society of Alumni and Friends of the College of Health and Human Services**, six new members will be elected to the board. Terms are for three years with the possibility of a second three-year term. Openings on the board are in the following program areas: Hearing and Speech Sciences,

Dietetics/Food Service Management, Nursing, Physical Therapy (two positions), and Recreation Studies. If you are interested in serving on the board, contact Sharon Zukauckas at 014 Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701, or call 614-593-2126 by April 10. Late applications will be accepted by calling Sharon at the same number.

The **Communication Society of Alumni and Friends** participated in three alumni and student career network receptions over the university break between fall and winter quarters. The first event, sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Alumni Chapter and several campus units, was held Nov. 29 at the Holiday Inn in Independence. The last two events, both sponsored by the colleges of Communication and Business Administration, occurred in Columbus at the Great Southern Hotel on Dec. 5 and in Cincinnati at the Holiday Inn North on Dec. 7.

The 27th annual Communication Week will be held on campus April 24-28. Carole Simpson, ABC News senior correspondent and anchor of "World News Sunday," will kick off the week's activities with a keynote address at 8 p.m. April 24 in Baker Center Ballroom. The speech is free and open to the public, and is co-sponsored by the College of Communication and the Kennedy Lecture Series.

Each school in the college will host a day of activities: April 24 is Visual Communication Day, April 25 is Telecommunications Day,



Peter Cocuzza, BFA '83, MFA '86



Kevin L. Barnett, BBA '84



Donne Turner, MSA '87



Dave Bickham, BSJ '88



Michael S. Brasch, BSEE '88, MSEE '89, PHD '92

Michael Massa, BSC '82, former liaison officer with the state of Ohio, has joined the national staff of West Publishing Corp. in St. Paul, Minn., which provides information services to the legal profession.

Laura Martinez Messie, BSJ '82, is a public information officer in the media relations office at Georgia Mason University in Georgia, Va.

Capt. Mark Ott, BBA '82, stationed at Rhein Main Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany, is a C-130 pilot and has flown airdrop missions delivering food and medicine to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Jeffrey J. Shane, AB '82, was named Ohio State Highway Patrol Trooper of the Year at the West Jefferson Post. He was chosen by fellow officers. Shane joined the patrol in 1984. He lives in Grove City.

Kim Brown, BSHEC '83, MFA '89, reproduced a gown worn by Queen Elizabeth I of England that was first place for authenticity, runner-up for makeup, and first runner-up in the grand international competition at the National Conservatoire Association Convention. The gown is on display at Spotlight Costume in Pittsburgh, which Brown co-owns with Anne Oates, MFA '85.

Peter Cocuzza, BFA '83, MFA '86, is director of the Point Park College Conservatoire in Pittsburgh, which offers courses for children and adults in theater, voice, piano and dance.

Gwen E. Davies, BBA '83, was promoted to vice president of management accounting at National City Bank in Cleveland. She lives in Twinsburg.

Chris Gausvik, BBA '83, was appointed executive director of Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati. He is responsible for managing trust employee benefits.

Stephen Gragory, BBA '83, was named program director of Shawnee State University's Educational Talent Search Office, which encourages students to pursue college.

Barbara King, AA '83, joined Interim Health Care of Newark to develop the agency's growing occupational health nursing service. King is a registered nurse.

Barbara G. Klinger, MFA '83, associate professor of comparative literature and film studies and director of the Cultural Studies Program at Indiana University, authored the book *Melodrama and Meaning: History, Culture, and the Film of Douglas Sirk*.

Siva Sivagnanam, MS '83, is a senior statistics officer at Swinburne University of Technology in Victoria, Australia, and managing director of Shami Computer Enterprises, a computing firm in Melbourne.

Gregory Stemen, PhD '83, was appointed to the Columbus chapter of the American Marketing Association's Board of Directors as vice president finance/administration-elect of the year. Stemen works at the Executive Gallery in Columbus.

Marc Stolarsky, AB '83, is in his third year at Cleveland-Marshall College Law and works in the office of Parma law director's office.

Kevin L. Barnett, BBA '84, is vice president and corporate controller of Medex Inc., a medical device company in Hilliard. He is responsible for the company's domestic accounting, and corporate compliance, and corporate financial reporting.

Helen Crawley, BSEE '84, has been promoted by AT&T to technical manager of the customer interaction and planning group in the signaling platform development department in Columbus. She manages a engineers who maintain part of AT&T's 520 billion switching network.

Suzanne Kashuba, BSJ '84, publications editor for the Ohio Department of Aging, was appointed senior editor for the Columbus chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

Annette Messie, BFA '84, assistant curator of exhibitions at the Western Center for the Arts at Ohio State University, was named judge of the Midwestern Fine Arts Center's Area Art Show.

George David Miller, MA '84, assistant professor of philosophy and director of the graduate program for philosophy at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., has authored *On Education and Ethics: In Pursuit of Paradigm and Nomad*, which was selected for publication in the Value Inquiry Book Series.

Dino Pelle, BSJ '84, is vice president of public relations at Marney & Company, a marketing communications firm in Cincinnati. He joined the agency in 1991.

Darrell Perry, BSH '84, MSPE '85, is athletics director of Portsmouth High School.

Karl L. Scheab, AB '84, of Columbus, is a second lieutenant in the 6th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of the 90th Air Force Reserve.

Ronald J. Tepitzky, AB '84, was recently elected to partnership at the law firm of Benedek, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff. He works in the Cleveland office, specializing in corporate and securities law.

Christy Algoe-Foster, BSC '85, is electronic pre-press manager at Pedego, Patten & Associates, a Columbus advertising agency. She is responsible for layout and production of all electronically produced advertising and marketing pieces.

John F. Amy, BSC '85, is a media buyer for Winner Communications, an advertising agency in New York City.

Lawrence E. Baumgartner, MBA '85, is president of the Broad Street Asset Management Group in Cleveland, the National City Bank's money management unit.

Michael Bruns, BSED '85, is a principal at Liberty Union-Thurston Elementary School in Baltimore, Ohio. He had spent nine years as a science teacher in the district.

William C. Cruss, BMUS '85, MM '86, is schedule coordinator for the Drama Division of the Julliard School in New York City.

Andrew Jennings, BBA '85, was promoted to eastern regional sales manager for Unilever, Inc.

Michael Arceri, MA '86, is development director for Canal Winchester. He previously worked for the Ohio Department of Development.

Jeffrey A. Beros, BSED '86, is a learning disabilities teacher for Buckeye Trail High School. He has been girls head volleyball coach for the past five years, winning a Division III state championship in 1994. He has led his team to four consecutive state final four appearances. He lives in Old Washington.

Paul Carringer, MBA '86, is director of research and development at Milliken Products in Columbus.

Janet Fannings Gray, BBA '86, is second vice president at the Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

Marcia Hollins, AA '86, AB '88, was named assistant law director for Cambridge.

Jerry Ryba, BSC '86, has joined The House of Representatives talent agency in Los Angeles as a talent agent. His territory includes film and television projects. The studies he works with include ABC, Paramount, Disney, Warner Bros. and Aaron Spelling Entertainment. He lives in Beverly Hills.

Gail L. Williams, BSJ '86, is small business entrepreneurship manager for the Cincinnati Minority and Women's Business Incubator.

Donna Turner, MSA '87, is assistant athletic director for sports information at the University of Houston and the first woman to head an entire sports information office at a Division I school in Texas. She previously worked as an associate sports information director at Florida State, where she headed the publicity campaign for 1993 Heisman trophy winner Charlie Ward.

Ziad I. Akis, BSEE '87, MS '90, is a lecturer in the University of Malaysia's Sarawak Department of Information Technology.

Roger E. Best, MED '87, was named instructor of the year at Muskingum Area Technical College, where he has been since 1987.

Scott Elisar, AB '87, was appointed director of political affairs for the Ohio Association of Realtors. He lives in Columbus.

Kelly Rickard Gienger, BSAS '87, is admissions representative for Central Ohio Technical College in Newark. She lives in Columbus.

Sheila Lange Koch, BSPE '87, MSPE '88, is an exercise physiologist at St. Ann's Sports Medicine of Westerville. She was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of Ohio University's College of Health and Human Services' Society of Alumni and Friends.

E.P. Matthews, AB '87, MED '90, is director of the Department of Educational Needs Services at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth.

Gina Muffo Petrosino, AS '87, AB '88, BSPE '90, is director of physical therapy at the Eastern Seal Rehabilitation Center in St. Clairsville.

Christopher J. Tombsch, BBA '87, recently opened a chiropractic practice in Vermilion.

Dan Trevas, BSJ '87, is bureau chief of the Des Moines Register Capital Bureau in Columbus and a columnist for the *Daily Jeffersonian* newspaper in Cambridge.

Jon Zellner, BSC '87, program director for KTHF-FM in Fresno, Calif., was named 1994 Billboard Magazine Radio Program/Operations Director of the Year.

Timothy Adams, AB '88, is legislative liaison for the Industrial Commission of Ohio.

Kevin T. Agin, BGS '88, is an associate with the Perry-Dietrich & Associates law firm in Columbus, assisting clients with workers compensation, workplace disability determination and social security disability.

Dave Dickson, BSJ '88, is the associate editor of *Courtesy Living*, a Columbus-based publication of Ohio's 12 direct cooperatives. He formerly was state editor of the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*.

Michael S. Brasch, BSEE '88, MSEE '89, PHD '92, is a research scientist and adjunct associate professor in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the Ross College of Engineering and Technology at Ohio University.

Michael A. Hallett, AB '88, assistant professor of criminal justice at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, recently published a book titled *U.S. Criminal Justice System*.

Molly Huston, BS '88, is manager of the Fairfield National Bank's Freedom Years Program. She oversees the growth of the bank's mature market program.

Judy Jankowski, MA '88, left WZLQ-FM in Pittsburgh after eight years as executive director general manager to join KLEON-FM in Long Beach, Calif., as general manager and president of Pacific Public Radio.

Becky Jarvis, MED '88, was elected and profiled as "Teacher of the Week" by the *Zanesville Times-Recorder*. She is a language arts teacher at Windsor Elementary School.

Frank Kelly, BSC '88, is program director and afternoon disk jockey on WKCR-FM in Columbus.

Constituent society notebook (continued)

April 26 is Communications Systems Management Day, April 27 is Journalism Day, and April 28 is Interpersonal Communication Day. For a complete schedule of events, contact Adam Lipsey at 614-931-0930, fax to 614-931-0419, or e-mail to lipsey@osu.edu or lipsey@osu.edu.

The SAF spring board meeting will be on campus April 24.

The School of Music of Alumni and Friends will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a Gala Reunion May 20-21. The weekend activities will begin with the Board of Directors' annual meeting at 10 a.m. and conclude with the Honors Assembly at a p.m. Sunday. Other Saturday activities will include a "Back to School" segment during which alumni may choose to participate in band or chorus, mini-workshops, and tours of the Music Building and campus. A concert featuring all School of Music ensembles will take place in Templeton-Blickhauer Alumni Memorial Auditorium following the Gala Reunion Banquet. Complete weekend details will be forthcoming in the next issue of *Music at Ohio* and in a special mailing to all alumni. Telephone 614-931-4244 for additional information. During the alumni meeting in November, the board decided to continue its third year with the Alumni Admissions Project, commonly known as "Operation Warm Fuzzies." Through this project, letters admitted by the university and declaring music as their major receive a letter or a phone call from a board member encouraging them to select Ohio University.

The 1995 Society of Alumni and Friends Award recipients are Patricia Sheehan Campbell '74, Achievement in Music Award, and Raymond W. Lowther '79, Service Award. Campbell is head of music education at the University of Washington and Lowther coordinates the music curriculum in the Portsmouth, Va., City Public Schools. The award presentation will take place at the Honors Assembly in Recital Hall, Music Building, on May 21.

The School of Music hosted a reception for alumni at the Ohio Music Educators Association Conference on Feb. 3 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. The Ohio University Symphony Orchestra performed.

The College of Business Administration's Society of Alumni and Friends (SAF) Board of Directors' Faculty and Student Affairs Committee presented two sessions of its Student Feature Series winter quarter: "How to Evaluate a Benefits Package" was held Jan. 26 and was followed March 2 with "How to Check and/or Correct Your Credit Report."

Each quarter, two programs will be offered to students. Alumni interested in volunteering to be panelists should contact Susan Dowdard, assistant to the dean for external relations in the College of Business Administration, at 614-931-2001.

The SAF is seeking nominations for seats on its Board of Directors. Nominees should be able to attend two meetings a year in Athens.

Alumni interested in making nominations should contact Doward. The board will meet in Athens on May 19-20.

Alumni events for the year kicked off with a trip to Dallas and Houston in November. They continued with a swing through Atlanta, Orlando, Clearwater and Sarasota, Fla., in December.

Dean C. Aaron Kelley then hosted an event in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 8. Upcoming alumni events will take place in San Francisco on March 27, Los Angeles on March 30, and San Diego April 1. Alumni on the East Coast should watch for invitations to visit New York City on April 27, Buffalo on May 1, and Boston on May 1.



Mary Knuth,
BSJ '89



Rebecca Cahill,
BSJ '90



Brett W. Myers,
BSME '92



Paul A. Pegher,
BSJ '94



Marjorie J. Peterson,
MS '94

John Russell Mullens, MFA '88, earned a Ph.D. in dramatic literature and theater history from Bowling Green State University. He is an instructor of theater, speech and English at Nicholas County Center of Glenville State College in Summerville, W Va.

Jay Blumberg, BSJ '89, is a senior account manager of Powers and Associates, a marketing communications agency in Cincinnati.

Beth A. Cummings, BSME '89, joined General Electric Company's Research and Development Center in Schenectady, N.Y., as a sourcing analyst.

Renée Dobson, MFA '89, was nominated for the Carbondale Award by the South Florida Critics Association. Dobson was nominated as best actress in a supporting role in the musical "The Most Happy Fella." She is director of musical theater and visiting instructor at Ohio Northern University in Ada.

Barry Gleitman, BBA '89, opened a furniture store in Linden, N.J., specializing in fine furniture.

Jim Nibler, BSPT '89, is a physical therapist at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago's Hill and Lenox Program.

Allison Hunter, BSJ '89, was named producer of the 11 p.m. newscast at WOIO-TV in Cleveland. She previously worked as a producer for stations in Dayton and Cincinnati.

Mary Frances Knuth, BSJ '89, is a communications associate at the Cleveland Foundation.

Jill Kuesle, BSJ '89, was named director of marketing and sales of Merit Medical Inc., a regional specialty care provider in Cleveland.

Rick Noble, AB '89, MA '90, has opened a general law practice in Cincinnati.

Steven Patterson, DO '89, opened an obstetrics/gynecology practice in Urbana.

Lisa Poppy, BSJ '89, a reporter for *The Cincinnati Post*, was honored by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency of San Francisco for her five-part series on contemporary juvenile crime in Ohio. The series, titled "Kids Who Kill" also won a Scripps Howard News Service Award.

R. Todd Ragan, BS '89, opened an optometry practice in Gallipolis.

1990s

Rebecca Cahill, BSJ '90, is operations manager in the Division of Corporate & Community Services at Sinclair Community College in Dayton. She teaches and markets college facilities and coordinates event services.

Jill E. Helwick, BGS '90, has been promoted to branch manager and commercial lending officer at the Beta Branch of National City Bank. She resides in Ellettsville.

Laurajane Karsten, BSJ '90, has been named advertising account manager for *Industrial Home* magazine, based in Chicago.

Carolyn Howes Keiffer, BS '90, won the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Ohio University Graduate Student Senate. She is a Ph.D. candidate in environmental and plant biology at Ohio University.

Marlene 1st Lt. Archibald McCallan, BSJ '90, recently retired from duty in Haiti with Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 402. An honored on the ship USS *Wasp* off Haiti's northern port of Cape Haitien, McCallan's squadron delivered the first Marines to land in Haiti.

Cindy Miller Noble, BSJD '90, is coordinator for the off-campus program for Hooking College in Pickaway County.

Karen A. Viscon, BSC '90, joined the law firm of Martin, Pezgram and Browning in Worthington as an attorney in its employment law group.

Scott P. Wood, AB '90, joined the Lancaster law firm of Dagger, Johnston, Miller, Ogilvie & Hampton as an associate attorney. He finished in the top 7 percent of those who successfully passed the Ohio bar exam in November. He graduated with honors from the Ohio State College of Law.

Michelle Wright, BS '90, student doctor at the OU College of Osteopathic Medicine, served as moderator of the Fifth Annual Women in Medicine Conference in July at OU-COM.

D'Neill Arnold, MA '91, works as a contract photographer in the editorial, public relations and advertising fields. His clients include PNC Bank, Toyota and KFC Corporation. He lives in New Albany, Ind. In October, he received a Landmark of Excellence Award from the Louisville, Ky., chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and International Association of Business Communicators.

John M. Demaree, BCI '91, is a major in the Ohio Highway Patrol and commander of the Office of Human Resource Management and Training.

Carla Gelf-Clark, AA '91, a public information officer with the Indiana Senate, was appointed to the Rocky Ripple Town Board, Indianapolis.

Jonathan Benda, MA '92, is a lecturer in English in the Foreign Languages and Literature Department of Tsinjia University in Taichung, Taiwan.

Stephanie Neal Brotherton, BSJD '92, teaches sixth- and seventh-grade science at Louisville (Ky.) Collegiate School.

Betsy Corrigan Brushhart, BSJ '92, was named director of communications for Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio. She and her husband, Glen Brushhart, BSMS '93, live in Westerville.

Mark Haustman, BSC '92, is retail sales manager of *The Evening News* in East Liverpool.

Matt Long, BBA '92, is manager of employee relations for Bank One, Cincinnati.

Colleen Sue Lorence, BSJ '92, is an advertising account executive for Advo Inc., a direct mail advertising company based in Atlanta.

Brett Myers, BSME '92, is an investment executive with the brokerage firm Parker Hunter Inc. in Monroeville, Pa.

Megan Lee Ryan, BSC '92, is an associate account executive at CIP's Chicago bureau. She handles affiliate accounts for small-based subscribers within a 11-state territory.

Laure Elizabeth Sims, BSC '92, is an account representative for Robert Hill International, a temporary and permanent placement service in Dayton.

Sharon Smith, BSJ '92, joined the staff of FCF Public Relations of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., as an account executive. She previously worked as a sales representative for General Foods in White Plains, N.Y.

Traci D. Vernon, BBA '92, joined New Concepts of Care Inc. in Manatee as a marketing representative.

Lisa E. Williams, BSJ '92, is the senior publications editor on the University of Dayton's public relations staff. She edits *Campus Report*, contributes to the *University of Dayton Quarterly* and is project leader on several university publications.

Jeff Beeler, BSJ '93, was hired by Office Management Co. as publications coordinator.

Ensign Anthony John Beisler, AB '93, completed the Officer Indemnification School at the Naval and Education Center in Newport, R.I.

Jason Czapagne, BSJ '93, has joined the Mid-East Ohio Vocational School District as a public information specialist.

Todd Conley, BMUS '93, is marching band director at Berne Union High School in Fairfield County.

Charles Crews, BSIEE '93, has been promoted to operations engineer for Columbus Gas of Ohio in Columbus. He is a member of the National Society of Black Engineers.

Aimee DuBois, BSC '93, is the benefits coordinator in the Human Resources Department at Med-Span, Indianapolis, serving the pharmaceutical industry.

Marlene 2nd Lt. James H. Fuller, BSJ '93, BSMS '93, and Marlene 2nd Lt. Judson A. Meese, BSC '93, both recently graduated from The Basic School, which prepares newly commissioned officers for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force.

Brian D. Jepson, BBA '93, MHA '94, was appointed administrative projects manager at Fairfield Medical Center in Lancaster.

Anthony John Mathena, BBA '93, received the 1993 Fred Knoll Scholarship, a two-year graduate scholarship given to children of Central union employees. He has been accepted into the MBA program at Ohio State University.

Charles Alex Rogers, BSSE '93, is an activity therapist at Tiffin Developmental Center, where he was recently chosen employee of the month.

Robert Stolz, BSJ '93, is news anchor and editor for the morning news at WCLT-AM in Newark. He also helps produce the shows "Spotlight," "Mid-day" and "Focus."

Ensign Sandra D. Weaver, BSJ '93, completed the Officer Indemnification School at the Naval and Education Center in Newport, R.I.

James A. Anzelmo, AB '94, has been admitted to the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

Carrie Colbantz, BFA '94, has joined the Lutheran Volunteer Corps, a ministry serving six urban cities based in Washington, D.C.

Justin P. Beck, BMUS '94, was named vocal music director at Hillsboro High School.

Jennifer A. Deatsch, MA '94, is communications writer for the Sylvan N. Goldman Center at Oklahoma Blood Institute in Oklahoma City.

Lance Cpl. James E. Eldridge, BSC '94, participated in active duty training for reservists at Ft. Belvoir, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division in Columbia.

Elizabeth Gest Graves, AB '94, has joined the Lutheran Volunteer Corps. She works at Family Life in Baltimore, Md., as an adult/youth instruction specialist assessing adult literacy participants.

Brad Kostka, BSJ '94, and Lisa DeMichael, BSA '94, were engaged to be married. Homecoming weekend on the College Green. Kostka is a championship coordinator for the 1996 U.S. Senior Open, to be held next July in Beachwood. DeMichael is director of social services at Walton Manor, a 100-bed nursing home in Walnut Hills.

Lisa M. Lillard, BSJ '94, is an art director at Jerome H. Schneider & Associates, a public relations firm in Cleveland.

Paul A. Pegher, BSJ '94, is the editorial assistant for the alumni communications office of the Society of the Alumni at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Marjorie J. Peterson, MS '94, is principal communications representative in the Tinkens Company's Human Resources and Logistics Center in Canton. The company is a leading manufacturer of bearings and alloy steels.

Tammy Schalk, BSJ '94, was appointed director of marketing communications at C.C.E. Inc., a manufacturer of fueler coaches and limousines.

Michael E. See, BSC '94, has joined Cable News Network in Atlanta as a video journalist.

Jeffrey Snyder, MSPE '94, is head athletic trainer at Defiance College.

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Anne McNaghten Tate, A8 '19, Oct. 1, in Columbus.

1920s

Ruth Strahl Hastings, PSM '20, BSED '27, May 20, in Beaumont, Calif.; **Winifred Rosino Healy, STENO '22, A8C '25**, Oct. 29, in Huron; **Helen Howenstine Isaacs, ELED '25**, April 3, in Arlington, Va.; **Evelyn Lessler Slaughter, ELED '25**, Aug. 12, in Newark; **Lillian Kerr Thompson, ELED '27**, March 22, 1993, in Caledonia; **Paul I. Wachs, A8 '27**, Sept. 26, in Columbus; **Maxine Sands Heiser, ELED '28, BSED '62**, July 6, in Nelsonville; **Elizabeth Love, KP '28**, Oct. 22, in Youngstown; **Dale L. English, CE '29, BSCE '32**, Oct. 12, in Pittsburgh; **Ivin S. Miracle, INOEO '29, BSED '32**, Sept. 15, in Woodsfield; **Marcia S. Scott Oviatt, A8 '29**, June 27, in Pittsburgh.

1930s

Virginia Ward Johnston, '30, July 26, in Warren; **Martha Smith Kruger, BSED '30**, July 26, in Lancaster; **Merwin R. Chappel, BSED '31**, July 11, in Rancho-Palos Verdes, Calif.; **Marguerite F. Frank, 8MUS '31**, April 8, in Athens; **Lewis B. Gettings, BSED '31**, Aug. 16, in Williamstown, W.Va.; **Anna F. Hamrock, ELED '31**, July 16, in Lowellville; **Viola F. Kruger, KP '31, ELED '32, BSED '55**, June 17, in Lancaster; **Viola M. Thomas Lindsay, ELED '31**, April 13, in Ellington, Conn.; **Phil S. Shurreger, MA '32**, May 30, in Cape Coral, Fla.; **Charles W. Reamer Jr., A8 '33**, Sept. 9, in Athens; **Bernard K. Sadosky, BSED '33**, Feb. 11, in Fort Thomas, Ky.; **Elizabeth M. Lewis Ekey, BSED '34**, Feb. 10, in Wintersville; **Josephine Starr Parkin, A8 '34**, Aug. 3, in Indianapolis; **Oakley C. Collins, BSED '35**, Oct. 29, in Ironton; **Mary V.**

Hamilton, A8 '35, Sept. 4, in Woodsfield; **Virginia C. Crane Sloe, KP '35, BSED '62**, July 31, in New Philadelphia; **Marie Elswick Srigley, ELED '35, BSED '52**, Oct. 31, in Cincinnati; **Chester T. Lehman, BSED '37**, Aug. 25, in Lancaster; **Reid A. Martin, A8 '37**, March 10, 1993, in Louisville, Ky.; **Anna Henry Sharp, BSHEC '37**, Sept. 8, in Cincinnati; **Hazel M. Young, A8 '37**, Sept. 7, in Jacksonville, Fla.; **Oelbert P. Davis, COED '38, BSED '61, MED '65**, July 14, in Columbus; **Don E. Rowland, A8 '38**, Oct. 5, in Santa Barbara, Calif.; **William T. Withers, BBA '38**, July 5, in Pittsburgh; **Kenneth Cole Anderson, BSED '39**, Aug. 2, in Tampa, Fla.; **Elmer Noel Gartrell, BSED '39**, Aug. 18, in Leesville.

1940s

Lester C. Duling, MED '40, Oct. 15, in Lakeland, Fla.; **D. William Evans, A8 '40**, Sept. 28, in Earleton, Fla.; **Ethel M. Nichols, BSED '40**, Oct. 23, in Wellston; **Frank Puzzo, A8 '40**, May 11, 1993, in Ridge, N.Y.; **David Rabinovitz, A8 '40**, July 15, in Los Angeles; **Rita E. Ogle McAtee, ELED '41, BSED '46, MED '59**, July 19, in Macksburg; **Karl H. Schmidt Jr., BSCOM '41**, July 6, in Akron; **Laverne L. Siembt, BSED '41**, July 1, 1993, in Menlo Park, Calif.; **Marjorie L. Cooke, BSED '42**, July 31, in Lancaster, Calif.; **James D. Murch Jr., BSJ '42**, April 24, in Dayton; **William L. Webb, BSJ '42**, Aug. 12, in Marietta, Ga.; **Mary Kathryn Sleeman Williams, BSED '42**, July 18, in Cardington; **Charles L. Halter, BSED '43**, Feb. 9, 1993, in Honolulu; **Robert W. Burns, BSIE '44**, Aug. 12, in Berea; **John S. Barney, BS '45, MS '47**, Aug. 9, in Springfield; **Jean Campbell Valdes, BSCOM '45**, Sept. 1, in Auburn, Calif.; **Gale Hitchcock, BSCOM '46**, Aug. 21, in Grosse Pointe, Mich.; **Frank J. Battisti, A8 '47**, Oct. 19, in Cleveland; **Oscar A. King, BSED '47**, July 26, in Lancaster; **John H. Stauffer, A8 '47**, Aug. 13,

in Canal Winchester; **Robert E. Bass, BSJ '49**, Oct. 8, in Akron.

1950s

Fred F. Hilow, A8 '50, July 3, in Cleveland; **Shirley J. Sayers Shedenhelm, BS '50**, July 28, in Camarillo, Calif.; **William G. Weaver, AA '50**, July 15, in Belpre; **Thomas E. Dailey, BSED '51**, May 1, in Westerville; **Logan A. Hidy, MA '51**, June 19, in Manteca, Calif.; **Donald T. Waechter, BSCOM '51**, June 29, in Palmyra, Pa.; **Louis Lenart Jr., BSME '53**, July 13, in Brecksville; **Donna B. Brehm Moon, BSED '53**, Sept. 19, in Dayton; **Francis W. Purmort Jr., BSCOM '53**, Sept. 28, in Van Wert; **Bernard R. Spechalske, BSED '53**, Sept. 26, in Lodi; **Donald J. Holub, A8 '54**, June 30, in Huron; **Ellen O'Brien Ashton, '55**, May 18, in Mr. Vernon, Ill.; **Thomas J. Cole, BS '55**, Aug. 2, in Albany, Ga.; **D'Alan E. Huff, BSED '55**, Oct. 7, in Washington, D.C.; **Walter Suchanek, MFA '55**, June 24, in Parkersburg, W.Va.; **Charles E. Nicholas, BSCDM '56**, Aug. 26, in Flint, Mich.; **William A. Bonfield Jr., BSCOM '57**, Oct. 1 in Milwaukee; **James David Myers, BSCE '58**, July 9, in Zanesville; **John A. Sforzo, BSCOM '58**, July 5, in Cleveland; **Loren Gage Weinstock MED '58**, July 26, in Vincent; **William L. Bosse, BSCDM '59**, Oct. 1, in Powell; **John H. Branstitter, BSAGR '59**, July 2, in Pennsylvania.

1960s

Robert J. Bunting, BSED '60, MED '67, Sept. 4, in Nelsonville; **Mildred Smith DeBarr, BSED '60**, Oct. 7, in East Liverpool; **Hugh D. Hindman Jr., MED '60**, Oct. 12, in Columbus; **Paul E. Rawlins, BSCOM '60**, Aug. 30, in Chillicothe; **Elsie Lorenze Ullom, BSED '60**, Oct. 16, in Marietta; **George X. Hummel, BBA '63**, May 12, in Atlanta; **Charles Taylor Setters, BA '65**, Oct. 23, in Union City, Ind.; **Michael J. Rose Sr., BA '66**, Sept. 11, in North Canton; **William C. Peters, MFA '67, PHD '70**, Sept. 8,

in Pittsburgh; **John W. Hazard, BSED '68**, Sept. 9, in Zanesville; **J. Michael Allen, BBA '69**, Sept. 23, in Columbus; **Terrence Needham, BBA '69**, Aug. 4, in Mentor.

1970s

Robert Carmichael, A8 '70, MED '78, Sept. 2, in Pleasant City; **Ladimir Michael Jeric, BFA '70**, Aug. 29, in Athens; **Harold Thomas Eastman Jr., BSED '71, MED '77**, Oct. 19, in Arlington, Va.; **Ulysses A. Hughey, BS '71**, Sept. 13, in Xenia; **Timothy J. Fields, MBA '72**, Aug. 25, in Parkersburg, W.Va.; **Anne Jeanette Milem Mays, BSED '72, MED '78**, Aug. 29, in Russell, Ky.; **Helen L. Cydrus Stone, BSED '72**, Oct. 3, in Chillicothe; **James M. Blakeman, 8MUS '73**, May 16, in Napa, Calif.; **Mary D'Donnell Archer, BSED '74**, Sept. 21, in Columbus; **Michael R. Hoffman, A8 '74**, Sept. 2, in Washington, D.C.; **Jerry Lee Woodring, BSED '74, MED '75**, Sept. 29, in Euclid; **Christine Kaufman Chapin, BSC '75**, Aug. 21, in Stockport; **Ann L. Staley, BSHSS '77**, Oct. 14, in East Liverpool.

1980s

Brian A. Kaufman, MFA '80, Aug. 22, in New York; **Christopher J. Arney, MFA '81**, July 23, in Weatherford, Okla.; **William F. Maddy, BGS '82**, Aug. 19, in Russell, Ky.; **Fidella P. Anderson, BFA '85**, Nov. 8, in Charlotte, N.C.; **Santhirasegaran Ramasamy, BSME '85, MSME '88**, Sept. 8, in Pittsburgh; **Thomas L. Sartini Jr., BSC '86**, June 19, in Boston; **Garnet Clark Evilsizer, MED '87**, Sept. 18, in Zanesville.

1990s

Nancy Lee McNeal Smith, AAB '90, Sept. 30, in Chillicothe; **Kelley Lynn Fuhrer, BSC '91**, Oct. 10, in East Liverpool.

Faculty and staff

Fidella Anderson, BFA '85, 57, former assistant to the vice president for university relations, Nov. 8, in Charlotte, N.C. Anderson was named coordinator of the newly created Ohio University Visitors Center in 1987. She also was active in the community during her 13 years living in Athens, serving as vice president of the Dairy Barn's Board of Directors and membership chairwoman of the Athens County Historical Society and Museum. In 1992, Anderson received the outstanding volunteer award for United Way of Athens County. She was the widow of the late Cortland Anderson, former director of the School of Journalism.

Marjorie Boase, 75, former instructor of interior design, Dec. 13, in Oberlin. Boase taught for two years beginning in 1964 at Ohio University, where her husband, Paul H. Boase, was on the faculty for 29 years. She was a member of the Reading Club of Athens for 23 years.

Robert M. Boyd, 74, professor emeritus of education, Feb. 6, in Athens. Boyd retired from Ohio University in 1977 after holding various administrative positions with the university. He taught in Ohio schools for 34 years and was a former curriculum director of Franklin County Schools. He earned his master's and doctorate from Ohio State University.

Kenneth Brennenman, MED '71, 54, former director of residence interiors, Dec. 23, in The Plains. Brennenman worked in auxiliary services from 1973 to 1982. He was a former teacher in the Athens City School District and most recently was owner/dealer of Old-Timer Log Homes in The Plains.

Gilford W. Crowell, 71, former dean of the Ohio University College of Education, Oct. 13, in Arcadia, Fla. Crowell pursued a teaching career and earned a doctorate from the University of Missouri before coming to Ohio University in 1954. After serving as director of Continuing Education and assistant dean in the College of Education, he was appointed dean in 1963. Crowell returned to teaching in 1972, and in 1979 led the effort to create the Center for Higher Education to assist two-year colleges in research and curriculum development. After moving to Florida in 1988, Crowell returned to Athens to teach one academic quarter each year.

H. Thomas Eastman Jr., BSED '71, MED '77, 46, former resident director, Oct. 19, in Arlington, Va. Eastman worked at OU from 1973 to 1983 as resident director and green coordinator for the East and West greens. He lived in the Washington, D.C., area for 11 years, working as assistant dean of student affairs at Georgetown University from 1983 to 1986, and later as a high school guidance counselor and girls basketball coach. In his last two years, he coached the Good Counsel High School girls of suburban Washington, D.C., to a 40-9 record.

Vincent Jukes, 86, former associate professor of dramatic art and speech, Oct. 28, in Tampa, Fla. Jukes taught at Ohio University in the 1960s. He was a member of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association and Phi Kappa Tau. He moved to Florida in 1970.

Robert M. Lloyd, 55, professor of botany, Dec. 6, in Athens. Lloyd taught in the Ohio University Botany Department for 23 years, and also had taught botany at the University of Hawaii. He was the author of two books, *The Flora of the White Mountains and Systematics of the Onocleoid Ferns*, and also wrote many published articles. He was a member of the American Association for Advancement of Science, the Botany Society of America, and Fellow of Linnaean Society in London, England.

Harry Stevens, 80, professor emeritus of history, Dec. 8, in Beverly. Stevens served in the History Department from 1957 until his retirement in 1976. His specialty was American history and historiography. He served on various professional committees as a faculty member and worked as a consultant for the Ohio University Press. Stevens was co-author of several books, and author of the books *The Ohio Bridge, Six-Twenty, The Earl Jackson Party in Ohio* and *The Journal of Jacob Fowler*.

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New members and their gift designations

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William '79 and Linda Rothman: College of Education, Men's Basketball Program and Women's Basketball Program

Thomas R. Schiff '70: David Hoover Memorial Scholarship

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Sue Wall '72: The Sue Wall Scholarship

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Classified Staff Advisory Council: CSAC Scholarships, Carolyn Blackford, representative

Kellie Warwick '71: College of Fine Arts

Correction

Emeritus faculty member Owen Wilkinson's name was misspelled in a feature story on Ohio University's Sports Administration Facilities Management program in the fall/winter issue of *Ohio University Today*. We apologize for the error.

Wilkinson took early retirement last June after serving on the School of Health and Sport Sciences faculty for 28 years. He and Jim Lavery, who also retired at the same time, were long-time teachers and student advisers in the graduate sports administration program. Both taught fall quarter as part of an early retirement requirement. Charles Higgins, coordinator of the program since 1976, also has taken early retirement.

Wilkinson was an active committee member during his faculty tenure and served as acting director of the School of Health and Sport Sciences in the 1990-91 academic year.



Photo Jeff Friedman

Construction workers fit the last of the steel girders into place on the roof of the Ping Student Recreation Center on the Athens campus. The \$26 million facility is scheduled to open this fall. See related photo on Page 4.

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